ANNO PRIMO REGINÆ ELIZABETHE.

At the Parliament

begunne at Westminster, the. xxiij. of Januarie, in the fyrst yeere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth, by the grace of God, of Englande, Fraunce, and Irelande, Queene, defender of the fayth. &c.

And there proroged tyll the. xxv. of the same moneth, and then & there holden, kept, and continued, vntyll the dissolution of the same, beyng the eyght day of May then next ensuyng, were enacted as foloweth.

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The Table.

An Acte restoryng to the Crowne the auncient iurisdiction, ouer the state Ecclesiasticall and Spirituall, and abolishing all forraigne power repugnaunt to the same. Cap.i.

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An Acte for the explanation of the statute of seditious wordes and rumours. Cap.vi.

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An Acte touchyng Shomakers and Curriors. Cap.viii.

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An Act limyttyng the tymes for laying on laude marchaundize, from beyond the seas, and touchyng customes for sweete wynes. Cap.xi.

An Acte agaynst the deceitful workyng of lynnen cloth. Cap.xii.

An Acte for the shippyng in Englishe botomes. Cap.xiii.

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An Acte that tymber shal not be felled to make coales for the burnyng of iron. Cap.xv.

An Acte to continue the Acte made agaynst rebellious assemblies. Cap.xvi.

An Acte for the preseruation of spawne and fry of fyshe. Cap.xvii.

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An Acte of a Subsidie, and two fyfteenes and Tenthes, graunted by the Temporaltie. Cap.xx.

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An Acte restoring to the

Crowne the auncient iurisdiction ouer the state Ec-
cleſiaſtical and Spiritual, and aboliſhyng al forraigne power repugnaunt to the ſame.

The fyrst Chapter.

MOſte humbly beſeeche your moſt excellent Maieſtie, your faythfull and obedient ſubiectes, the Lordes Spiritual and Temporall, and the Commons in this your preſent Parliament aſſembled, that where in tyme of the ragne of your moſte deare father of worthy memorie Kyng Henry the eyght, diuers good lawes & ſtatutes were made and eſtabliſhed, as well for the vtter extinguiſhment and puttyng away of all vſurped and forraigne powers and authorities out of this your Realme, and other your highneſſe dominions and countreys, as alſo for the reſtoryng and vnityng to the imperiall Crowne of this Realme, the auncient iuriſdictions, authorities, ſuperiorities, and preheminences to the ſame of ryght belongyng and appertaynyng, by reaſon whereof, we your moſt humble and obedient ſubiectes, from the .xxb. yeere of the raigne of your ſayde deare father, were continually kept in good order, and were diſburdened of diuers great and intollerable charges and exactions, before that tyme vnlawfully taken, and exacted by ſuche forraigne power and authoritie as before that was vſurped, vntyll ſuche tyme as all the ſayde good lawes and ſtatutes, by one Acte of Parliament made in the firſt and ſecond yeeres of the raignes of the late Kyng Philip and Queene Marie, your hyghneſſe ſyſter, entituled, An Acte repealyng all ſtatutes, articles, and prouiſions made againſt the ſea Apoſtolique of Rome, ſince the .xx. yeere of Kyng Henry the eyght, and alſo for the eſtabliſhment of all Spirituall and Eccleſiaſticall poſſeſſions and hereditamentes conueyed to the laytie, were all clearely repealed and made voyde, as by the ſame Acte of repeale more at large doth and may appeare. By reaſon of whiche Acte of repeale, your ſayde humble ſubiectes were eftſoones brought vnder an vſurped forraigne power and authoritie, and yet do remayne in that bondage, to the intollerable charges of your louyng ſubiectes,

yf some redresse (by auctoritie of this your high court of Parliament, with thassent of your highnesse) be not had and prouided.

May it therfore please your highnesse, for the repressyng of the sayd vsurped forraigne power, and the restorying of the ryghtes, iurisdictions, and prehemynences apparteynyng to the Imperiall Crowne of this your Realme, that it may be enacted by auctoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayd acte made in the sayde fyrst and second yeeres of the raignes of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and all and euery braunche, clauses, and articles therin conteyned (other then such braunches, clauses, and sentences, as hereafter shalbe excepted) may from the last day of this Session of Parliament, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, be repealed, and shall from thencefoorth be vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

And that also for the reuyuing of diuers of the sayd good lawes and statutes made in the tyme of your sayde deare father, it may also please your highnesse, that one acte and statute made in the. xxiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte that no person shalbe cited out of the dioces where he or she dwelleth, except in certayne cases. And one other acte made in the. xxiiii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, entituled, An acte that appeales in suche cases as hath ben vsed to be pursued to the sea of Rome, shall not be from henceforth had ne vsed, but within this Realme. And one other acte made in the. xxv. yeere of the sayde late kyng, concernyng restraynte of payment of annates and fyrste fruites of Archbyshopriches and Byshoprickes to the sea of Rome. And one other acte in the sayde. xxv. yeere, entituled, An acte concernyng the submission of the Clergie to the kynges Maiestie: and also one acte made in the sayde. xxv. yere, entituled, An act restraynyng the payment of annates, or fyrst fruites to the Byshop of Rome, and of the electyng and consecratyng of Archbyshoppes, and Byshoppes within this Realme. And one other acte made in the sayde. xxv. yeere, entituled, An act concernyng the exoneration of the kynges subiectes from exactions and impositions heretofore payd to the sea of Rome, and for hauyng licences and dispensations within this Realme, without suyng further for the same. And one other acte made in the. xxvi. yeere of the sayde late kyng, entituled, An acte for nomination and consecration of Suffragans within this Realme. And also one other acte made in the. xxviii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, entituled, And acte for the releale of suche as haue obteyned pretended licences and dispensations from the sea of Rome, and all and euery braunches, wordes, and sentences in the sayde seuerall actes and statutes conteyned, by auctoritie of this present Parliament, from and at all tymes after the last day of this session of Parliament, shalbe reuiued, and shal stande and be in

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full force and strength, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes. And that the braunches, sentences, and wordes of the sayde seuerall actes, and euery of them, from thencefoorth shall and may be iudged, deemed, and taken to extende to your highnes, your heyres and successours, as fully and largely as euer the same actes, or any of them, dyd extende to the sayde late king Henry the eyght, your highnesse father.

And that it may also please your highnesse, that it may be enacted by thaucthoritie of this present Parliament, that so muche of one acte or statute made in the. xxxii. yeere of the raigne of your sayde deare father kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte concernyng precontractes of mariages, and touchyng degrees of consanguinitie, as in the tyme of the late kyng Edwarde the syxth, your highnesse moste deare brother, by one other acte or statute was not repealed. And also one acte made in the. xxxvii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late king Henry the eyght, entituled, An act that doctours of the Ciuile lawe, beyng maried, may exercise Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction, and all and euerye braunches, and articles in the sayde two actes last mentioned, and not repealed in the tyme of the sayde late kyng Edwarde the syxth, may from henceforth lykewyse stand and be reuiued, and remayne in their full force and strength, to all intentes and purposes: any thyng conteyned in the sayde acte of repeale before mentioned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And that it may also please your highnesse, that it may be further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all other lawes and statutes, and the braunches and clauses of any acte or statute repealed and made boyde by the sayde acte of repeale, made in the tyme of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and not in this present acte specially mentioned and reuiued, shall stande, remayne, and be repealed, and boyde, in suche lyke maner and fourme, as they were before the makyng of this acte: any thyng herein conteyned to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

And that it may also please your highnesse, that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforsayde, that one acte and statute made in the first yeere of the raigne of the late kyng Edwarde the syxth, your Maiesties moste deare brother, entituled, An acte againste suche persons as shal vnreuerently speake againste the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christe, commonly called the Sacrament of the aulter, and for the receiuyng thereof vnder both kindes, and all and euery braunches, clauses, and sentences therein conteyned, shall and may lykewyse from the last day of this Session of Parliament, be reuiued, and from thencefoorth shall and may stande, remayne, and be in ful force, strength, and effecte, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, in such lyke maner and fourme, as the same was at any time in the fyrst yere of the raigne

of the sayde late kyng Edwarde the syxth, any lawe, statute, or other matter to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And that also it may please your hyghnesse, that it may be further established and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that one act and statute made in the fyrst and seconde yeeres of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, entituled, An acte for the reuiuing of three statutes, made for the punishment of heresies, and also the sayde three statutes mentioned in the sayde acte, and by the same acte reuyued, and all and euery braunches, articles, clauses, and sentences, conteyned in the sayde seuerall actes or statutes, and euery of them, shalbe from the last day of this Session of Parliament, deemed and remayne vtterly repealed, voyde, and of none effect, to all intentes and purposes: any thyng in the sayd seueral actes, or any of them conteyned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And to the intent that al vsurped and forraigne power and aucthoritie, spiritual and temporal, may for euer be clearely entinguished, and neuer to be vsed or obeied within this Realme, or any other your Maiesties dominions or countreyes: may it please your hyghnesse, that it may be further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that no forraigne prince, parson, prelate, state or potentate, spiritual or temporall, shall at any time after the last day of this Session of Parliament, vse, enioy, or exercise, any maner of power, iurisdiction, superioritie, aucthoritie, preheminence, or priuiledge, spiritual or ecclesiastical, within this realme, or within any other your Maiesties dominions or countreyes, that now be, or hereafter shalbe, but frō thencefoorth the same shalbe clearly abolyshed out of this realme, & al other your hyghnes dominions for euer: any statute, ordinance, custome, constitutions, or any other matter or cause whatsoeuer to the contrary in any wise, notwithstanding.

And that also it may lykewyse please your hyghnesse, that it may be establyshed and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that suche iurisdictions, priuiledges, superiorities, and preheminences spirituall and ecclesiasticall, as by any spirituall or ecclesiasticall power or aucthoritie, hath heretofore benne, or maye lawfully be exercised or vsed, for the visitation of the ecclesiasticall state and persons, and for reformation, order, and corection of the same, and of all manner errours, heresies, scismes, abuses, offences, contemptes, and enormities, shall for euer, by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, be vnited and annexed to the Imperiall Crowne of this Realme. And that your hyghnes, your heyres and successours, kinges or Queenes of this realme, shal haue ful power and aucthoritie by vertue of this act, by letters patentes vnder the great Seale of Englande, to assigne, name, and aucthorize, when & as often as your hyghnes, your heyres or successours shall thynke meete and conuenient, and for suche and

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so long tyme as shall please your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, suche person or personnes beyng naturall borne subiectes to your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, as your Maiestie, your heyres, or successours shal thinke meete, to exercise, vse, occupy, and execute, vnder your hyghnesse, your heyres, and successours, all maner of iurisdictions, priuiledges, and preheminentes, in any wyse touchyng or concernyng any Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall iurisdiction within these your Realmes of England and Irelande, or any other your hyghnesse Dominions or Countreys, and to visite, refourme, redresse, order, correct, and amende all suche errours, heresies, scismes, abuses, offences, contemptes, and inormities whatsoeuer, which by any maner spirituall or Ecclesiasticall power, aucthoritie, or iurisdiction, canne or maye lawfully be refourmed, ordered, redressed, corrected, restrayned, or amended, to the pleasure of almighty God, the encrease of vertue, and the conseruation of the peace and vnitie of this Realme: and that such person or persons so to be named, assigned, aucthorised, and appoynted by your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, after the saide letters patentes to hym or them made and deliuered, as is aforesayde, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, and of the sayd letters patentes, vnder your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, to exercise, vse, and execute all the premisses, accordyng to the tenour and effect of the sayde letters patentes: any matter or cause to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And for the better obseruation and mayntenaunce of this acte, may it please your hyghnesse that it may be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery Archbyshoppe, Byshoppe, and all and euery other Ecclesiasticall person, and other Ecclesiasticall officer, and minister, of what estate, dignitie, preheminence, or degree soeuer he or they be, or shalbe, and all and euery temporall Judge, Iusticer, Maior, and other lay or temporall officer and minister, and euery other person hauyng your hyghnesse fees or wages within this Realme, or any your hyghnesse Dominions, shall make, take, and receyue a corporall othe vpon the Euangelist, before such person or persons as shall please your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, vnder the great Seale of Englande, to assigne and name, to accepte and take the same accordyng to the tenour and effecte hereafter folowyng: that is to say, I. A. B. doo vtterly testifie and declare in my conscience, that the Queenes hyghnesse is the onely supreame gouernour of this realme, & of all other her highnesse dominiōs & countreys, aswell in al spiritual or Ecclesiastical thinges or causes, as Temporal, and that no forraigne prince, parson, prelate, state, or potentate, hath or ought to haue any iurisdiction, power, superioritie, preheminence, or aucthoritie, ecclesiasticall or spiritual within this Realme, and therfore

fore I doo vtterly renounce and forsake al forrayne iurisdictions, powers, superiorities, and aucthorities, and doo promyse that from hencefoorth I shall beare fayth and true allegiaunce to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres, and lawfull successours, and to my power shall assiste and defende all iurisdictions, priuiledges, preheminences, and aucthorities, graunted or belongyng to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres, and successours, or vnited and annexed to the imperiall crowne of this Realme, so helpe me God, and by the contentes of this booke.

And that it may be also enacted, that yf any suche Archebyshoppe, Byshoppe, or other Ecclesiasticall Officer or Minister, or any of the sayde Temporall Judges, Justiciaries, or other lay officer or minister, shall peremptorily or obstinately refuse to take or receyue the sayde othe, that then he so refusing, shal forfeyte and lose only during his life, all and euery Ecclesiastical and Spiritual promotion, benefice, and office, and euery Temporal and lay promotion and office, which he hath soly at the tyme of suche refusall made: and that the whole tytle, interrest, and incumbencie, in euery such promotion, benefice, and other office, as agaynst suche person onely so refusyng, duryng his lyfe, shall clearely cease, and be voyd, as though the partie so refusyng were dead. And that also all and euery suche person and persons, so refusyng to take the sayde othe, shall immediatly after suche refusall, be from thencefoorth duryng his lyfe, disabled to retayne or exercise any office, or other promotion, whiche he at the tyme of suche refusal hath ioyntly, or in common with any other person or persons: and that all and euery person and persons, that at any tyme hereafter shalbe preferred, promoted, or collated to any Archbyshopricke or Byshopricke, or to any other Spiritual or Ecclesiastical benefice, promotion, dignitie, office, or ministerie, or that shalbe by your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, preferred or promoted to any temporal or lay office, ministerie, or seruice within this realme, or in any your highnesse dominions, before he or they shal take vpon hym or them to receyue, vse, exercise, supply, or occupie any suche Archebyshopricke, Byshopricke, promotion, dignitie, office, ministerie, or seruice, shal lykewyse make, take, & receyue the saide corporal othe before mentioned, vppon the Euangelist, before such persons as haue or shal haue aucthoritie to admit any suche person to any suche office, ministerie, or seruice, or els before such person or persons, as by your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, by commission vnder the great Seale of Englande, shalbe named, assigned, or appoynted, to minister the said othe. And that it may lykewyse be further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayd, that yf any such person or persons, as at any tyme hereafter shalbe promoted, preferred, or collated to any suche promotion Spirituall, or Ecclesiasticall benefice, offyce, or ministerie, or that by your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, shalbe

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promoted or preferred to any Temporall or laye office, ministerie, or seruice, shall and doo peremptorily and obstinately refuse to take the same othe so to him to be offered, that then he or they so refusing, shal presently be iudged disabled in the lawe, to receyue, take, or haue the same promotion Spiritual, or Ecclesiastical, or the same Temporal office, ministerie, or seruice within this Realme, or any other your hyghnesse dominions, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes.

And that it may be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that al and euery person and persons Temporall, suing liuerie, or oustre le maine, out of the handes of your hyghnesse, your heires, or successours, before his or their liuery or oustre le maine sued foorth and alowed, and euery Temporal person or persons, dooing any homage to your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, or that shalbe receyued into seruice with your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, shall make, take, and receyue the sayde corporal othe before mentioned, before the Lord Chauncelour of Englande, or the Lorde Keper of the great seale for the tyme beyng, or before suche person or persons, as by your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours shalbe named and appoynted to accept or receyue the same. And that also all and euery person and persons taking orders, and all and euery other person and personnes, whiche shalbe promoted or preferred to any degree of learnyng in any Vniuersitie within this your Realme or Dominions, before he shall receyue or take any suche orders, or be preferred to any suche degree of learnyng, shall make, take, and receyue the sayde othe by this acte set foorth and declared, as is aforesayde, before his or their Ordinarie, Commissarie, Chauncelour, or Vicechauncelour, or their sufficient deputies in the sayde Vniuersitie.

Prouided alwayes, and that it may be further enacted by thauctho-ritie aforesayde, that yf any person hauyng any estate of inheritaunce, in any Temporall office or offices, shall hereafter obstinately and peremptorily refuse to accept and take the sayd othe, as is aforesayde, and after at any tyme duryng his lyfe, shall wyllyngly require to take and receyue the saide othe, and so doo take and accept the same othe before any person or persons that shall haue lawfull auctho-ritie to minister the same: that then euery suche person immediatly after he hath so receyued the same othe, shalbe vested, iudged, and deemed in his estate and possession of the sayde office, as he was before the sayde refusall, and shall and may vse and exercise the sayde office, in suche maner and fourme as he shoulde or myght haue donne before suche refusall: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

And for the more sure obseruation of this acte, and the vtter extinguyshment of all forraigne and vsurped power and auctho-ritie,

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may it pleaſe your hyghneſſe, that it may be further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that yf any perſon or perſons, dwellyng or inhabityng within this your Realme, or in any other your hyghneſſe Realmes, or dominions, of what eſtate, dignitie, or degree ſoeuer he or they be, after the ende of .xxx. dayes next after the determination of this ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, ſhall by wryting, printyng, teachyng, preachyng, expreſſe wordes, deede, or acte, aduiſedly, malitiouſly, and directly affyrme, holde, ſtande with, ſet forth, maintayne, or defende the aucthoritie, preheminence, power, or iuriſdiction Spirituall or Eccleſiaſticall, of any forraigne Prince, Prelate, Perſon, State, or Potentate whatſoeuer, heretofore claymed, vſed, or vſurped within this Realme, or any Dominion or Countrey, beyng within or vnder the power, dominion, or obeyſaunce of your hyghneſſe: or ſhal aduiſedly, malitiouſly, and directly put in vre, or execute any thing for the extollyng, aduauncement, ſettyng forth, maynteynaunce, or defence of any ſuche pretended, or vſurped iuriſdiction, power, preheminence, or aucthoritie, or any part thereof: that then euery ſuch perſon or perſons, ſo dooing and offendyng, their abbettours, aydours, procurers, and counſaylours, being thereof lawfully conuicted and attaynted, accordyng to the true order and courſe of the common lawes of this Realme, for his or their fyrſt offence, ſhall forfayte and loſe vnto your hyghneſſe, your heires and ſucceſſours, all his and their goodes and cattels, aſwell reall as perſonall. And yf any ſuch perſon ſo conuicted or attaynted, ſhall not haue, or be worth of his proper goodes and cattels to the value of .xx.li. at the tyme of ſuche his conuiction or attaynder: that then euery ſuche perſon ſo conuicted and attaynted, ouer and beſides the forfayture of all his ſayde goodes and cattels, ſhall haue and ſuffer impriſonment by the ſpace of one whole yeere, without bayle or mainpryſe. And that alſo all and euery the benefices, prebendes, and other Eccleſiaſticall promotions and dignities whatſoeuer, of euery ſpirituall perſon ſo offendyng, and beyng attaynted, ſhal immediatly after ſuche attayndour, be vtterly voyde to all intentes and purpoſes, as though the incumbent thereof were dead, and that the patrone and donor of euery ſuche benefice prebende, ſpirituall promotion, and dignitie, ſhall and maye lawfully preſent vnto the ſame, or geue the ſame, in ſuche manner and fourme, as yf the ſayde incumbent were dead. And yf any ſuche offendour or offendours, after ſuche conuiction or attaynder, doo eftſones commit or doo the ſayde offences, or any of them, in maner and fourme aforeſayd, and be thereof duely conuicted and attaynted, as is aforeſayde: that then euery ſuche offendour and offendours, ſhall for the ſame ſeconde offence, incurre into the daungers, penalties, and forfeytures, ordeyned and prouided by the ſtatute of prouiſion and premunire, made in

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the xvij yeere of the raigne of kyng Richarde the seconde. And yf any such offendour or offendours, at any time after the said second conuiction and attayndour, doo the thirde time commit and doo the saide offences, or any of them, in maner and fourme aforesayd, and be thereof duely conuicted and attaynted, as is aforesayde: that then euerye suche offence or offences, shalbe deemed and adiudged hygh treason; and that the offendour and offendours therein, beyng thereof lawefully conuicted and attaynted, accordyng to the lawes of this Realme, shall suffer paynes of death, and other penalties, forfeytures, and losses, as in cases of hygh treason by the lawes of this Realme.

And also that it may lykewyse please your hyghnesse, that it may be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no manner of person or persons, shalbe molested or impeached for any the offences aforesayde, committed or perpetrated onely by preachyng, teachyng, or woordes, vnlesse he or they be thereof lawfully indicted, within the space of one whole yeere next after his or their offences so committed. And in case any person or persons, shall fortune to be imprisoned for any of the sayde offences committed by preachyng, teachyng, or woordes onely, and be not thereof indicted within the space of one halfe yeere, next after his or their suche offence so committed and donne: that then the sayde personne so imprisoned, shalbe sette at libertie, and be no longer deteyned in prison for any suche cause or offence.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extende to repeale any clause, matter, or sentence conteyned or specified in the saide act of repeale, made in the saide first and seconde yeeres of the raignes of the sayd late kyng Philip, and Queene Marie, as dooth in any wyse touche or concerne any matter or cause of premunire, or that dooth make or ordeyne any matter or cause to be within the case of premunire, but that the same, for so much only as toucheth or concerneth any case or matter of premunire, shal stande and remayne in such force and effecte, as the same was before the makyng of this acte: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, shall not in any wyse extende or be preiudiciall to any person or personnes for any offence or offences committed or donne, or hereafter to be committed or donne, contrary to the tenour and effecte of any acte or statute nowe reuiued by this acte, before the end of xx. dayes next after thend of the sellion of this present Parliament: any thyng in this act conteyned,

ned, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And yf it happen that any peere of this Realme, shall fortune to be indicted of, and for any offence that is reputed or made prœmunire, or treason by this acte, that then he so being indicted, shall have his triall by his peeres, in suche like manner and fourme, as in other cases of treason hath ben vsed.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted as is aforesayde, that no maner of order, acte, or determination, for any matter of religion, or cause Ecclesiasticall, had or made by the auctoritie of this present Parliament, shalbe accepted, deemed, interpretate, or adiudged at any tyme hereafter, to be any errour, heresye, schisme, or schismaticall opinion: any order, decree, sentence, constitution, or lawe, whatsoeuer the same be to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that such person or persons to whom your hyghnesse, your heyres & successours, shall hereafter by letters patentes, vnder the great seale of Englande, gene auctoritie to have or exercise any iurisdiction, power, or auctoritie spirituall, or to visite, reforme, order, or correcte any errours, heresies, schismes, abuses, or enormities, by vertue of this acte, shall not in any wyse have auctoritie or power to order, determine, or adiudge any matter or cause to be heresye, but onely suche as heretofore have ben determined, ordred, or adiudged to be heresye, by the auctoritie of the Canonicall scriptures, or by the first foure generall counsayles, or any of them, or by any other generall counsayle, wherein the same was declared heresie, by the expresse & playne wordes of the said Canonical Scriptures, or suche as hereafter shalbe ordered, iudged, or determined to be heresie, by the hyghe Court of Parliament of this Realme, with the assent of the Clergie in theyr conuocation: Any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, not withstandyng.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, shalbe hereafter indicted or arraigned for any the offences made, ordeyned, reputed, or adiudged by this acte, vnlesse there be two sufficient witnesses or more, to testifie and declare the sayde offences, whereof he shalbe indicted or arraigned. And that the sayd witnesses, or so many of them as shalbe liuyng, and within this Realme at the tyme of the arraignement of such person so indicted, shalbe brought foorth in person, face to face, before the partie so arraigned, and there shall testifie and declare, what they can say against the partie so arraigned, yf he require the same.

Prouided also, and be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesaid, that yf any person or persons, shall hereafter happen to gene any reliefe, ayde, or comfort, or in any wyse be aydyng, helpyng, or comfortyng to the person or persons of any that shall hereafter happen to be an offen-

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dour in any matter or caſe of Premunire or treaſon, reuiued or made by this acte: that then ſuche reliefe, ayde, or comfort geuen, ſhal not be iudged or taken to be any offence, vnleſſe there be two ſufficient witneſſes at the leaſt, that can and wyl openly teſtifie and declare, that the perſon or perſons that ſo gaue ſuche reliefe, ayde, or comfort, had notice and knowledge of ſuch offence committed and done by the ſayde offendour, at the tyme of ſuche reliefe, ayde, or comfort, ſo to hym geuen or miniſtred: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any other matter or cauſe to the contrarie in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

And where one pretenſed ſentence hath heretofore ben geuen in the conſiſtorie in Powles, before certayne Iudges, delegate, by the auctoritie Legantine of the late Cardinall Poole, by reaſon of a forraigne vſurped power and auctoritie, againſt Richarde Chetwod Eſquire, and Agnes his wyfe, by the name of Agnes Woodhul, at the ſute of Charles Tyrrel gentleman, in a cauſe of matrimonie ſolemniſed betweene the ſayde Richarde and Agnes, as by the ſame pretenſed ſentence more playnely doth appeare, from whiche ſentence the ſayde Richarde and Agnes haue appealed to the courte of Rome, whiche appeale doth there remayne, and yet is not determined: May it therefore pleaſe your hyghneſſe, that it may be enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that if ſentence in the ſayde appeale, ſhal happen to be geuen at the ſayde court of Rome, for and in the behalfe of the ſayd Richarge and Agnes, for the reuerſyng of the ſaide pretenſed ſentence, before the ende of three ſcore dayes next after the ende of this Seſſion of this preſent Parliament: that then the ſame ſhalbe iudged and taken to be good and effectuall in the lawe, and ſhall, and may be vſed, pleaded, and alowed in anye courte or place within this Realme: anye thyng in this acte, or in any other acte or ſtatute conteyned to the contrary, notwithſtandyng. And if no ſentence ſhalbe geuen at the court of Rome in the ſayde appeale, for the reuerſyng of the ſayde pretenſed ſentence, before the ende of the ſayde three ſcore dayes, that then it ſhall and may be lawfull for the ſayde Richarde and Agnes, and eyther of them, at any tyme hereafter, to commenſe, take, ſue, and proſecute their ſayd appeale from the ſayde pretenſed ſentence, and for the reuerſyng of the ſayde pretenſed ſentence within this Realme, in ſuche lyke maner and fourme as was vſed to be purſued, or myght haue ben purſued within this realme, at any tyme ſince the .xxiiii. yere of the raigne of the ſayde late kyng Henry the eyght, vpon ſentences geuen in the court or courtes of any Archbiſhop within this Realme. And that ſuche appeale as ſo hereafter ſhalbe taken or purſued by the ſayde Richarde Chetwood and Agnes, or eyther of them, and the ſentence that therein or thereupon ſhall hereafter be geuen, ſhalbe iudged to be good and effectuall in the lawe, to all intentes and purpoſes: any

lawe, custome, vsage, canon, constitution, or any other matter or cause to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that where there is the lyke appeale nowe depending in the sayde court of Rome, betwene one Robert Harcourt, Marchant of the Staple, and Elizabeth Harcourt, otherwyse called Elizabeth Robins of the one partie, and Anthonie Fydel, Marchaunt stranger, on the other partie, that the sayd Robert, Elizabeth, and Anthonie, and euery of them, shal and maye for the prosecuting and tryng of theyr sayde appeale, haue and enioy the lyke remedie, benefite, and aduauntage, in lyke maner and fourme as the sayde Richarde and Agnes, or any of them, hath, may, or ought to haue and enioy: this acte or any thyng therein conteyned to the contrary in any wyse notwithstanding.

An Acte for the vniformitie

of Common prayer, and seruice in the Churche, and the administration of the Sacramentes.

The .ii. Chapter.

Here at the death of our late Soueraigne Lorde Kyng Edwarde the first, there remayned one vniforme order of common seruice & prayer, and of the administration of Sacramentes, rites, & ceremonies in the Church of Englande, which was set foorth in one boke, entituled. The boke of common prayer, & administration of Sacramentes, and other rites & ceremonies in the Churche of England, auctho-rised by act of Parliament, holden in the fifth and sixt yeeres of our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Edwarde the first, entituled, An act for the vniformitie of common prayer, and administration of the Sacramentes: the whiche was repealed and taken away by act of Parliament in the fyrste yeere of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Ladye Queene Marie, to the great decay of the due honour of God, and discomfort to the professours of the trueth of Christes religion.

Be it further enacted by the auctoritie of this presente Parliamente, that the sayde estatute of repeale, and euerye thyng therein conteyned, onely concernyng the sayde booke, and the seruice, administration

miniſtration of Sacramentes, rites, & ceremonies, conteyned or appoynted in or by the ſayde booke, ſhalbe voyde and of none effect, from and after the feaſt of the Nativitie of S. John Baptiſt next comming: And that the ſayde booke, with the order of ſeruice and of the adminiſtration of Sacramentes, rites, and ceremonies, with the alteration and additions therein added and appoynted by this eſtatute, ſhall ſtande, and be from and after the ſaid feaſt of the Nativitie of S. John Baptiſt, in full force and effect, according to the tenour and effecte of this eſtatute: anye thyng in the aforeſayde eſtatute of repeale to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

And further be it enacted by the Queenes highneſſe, with thaſſent of the lordes and commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by aucthoritie of the ſame, that al and ſinguler miniſters in any Cathedral or pariſh Churche, or other place within this Realme of Englande, wales, and the marches of the ſame, or other the Queenes dominions, ſhal from and after the feaſt of the Nativitie of S. John Baptiſt next commyng, be bounde to ſaye and vſe the Mattens, Euenſong, Celebration of the Lordes Supper, and adminiſtration of eche of the Sacramentes, and al their common and open prayer, in ſuch order and fourme as is mentioned in the ſayd booke ſo auctho-riſed by parliament, in the ſayd .v. and .vi. yeres of the raigne of kyng Edwarde the firſt, with out alteration or addition of certayne leſſons to be vſed on euery Sunday in the yere, and the fourme of the Letanie altered and corrected, and two ſentences onely added in the deliuerie of the Sacrament to the communicants, and none other, or otherwyſe. And that if anye maner Parſon, Vicar, or other whatſoeuer Miniſter, that ought, or ſhoulde ſyng or ſaye common prayer, mentioned in the ſaide booke, or miniſter the Sacramentes, from and after the feaſt of the Nativitie of S. John Baptiſt next commyng, refuſe to vſe the ſayde common prayers, or to miniſter the Sacramentes in ſuche Cathedral or pariſhe Churche, or other places, as he ſhoulde vſe to miniſter the ſame, in ſuche order and fourme as they be mentioned and ſet forth in the ſayde booke, or ſhal wylfully or obſtinately, ſtanding in the ſame, vſe any other ryte, ceremonie, order, fourme, or maner of celebrating of the lordes ſupper, openly or priuely, or mattens, euenſong, adminiſtration of the Sacraments, or other open prayers then is mentioned and ſet forth in the ſayd booke (Open prayer in and throughout this acte, is meant that prayer which is for other to come vnto, or heare, eyther in common Churches or priuate Chappels, or Oratories, commonly called the ſeruice of the Churche) or ſhal preach, declare, or ſpeake any thyng in the derogation or deprauyng of the ſayd booke, or any thyng therein conteyned, or of any part therof, and ſhalbe therof lawfully conuicted, according to the lawes of

this Realme, by verdict of twelue men, or by his owne confession, or by the notorious euidence of the facte, shall loose and forfeyte to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres and successors, for his fyrst offence, the profite of al his spiritual benefices or promotions, comprysyng or arysyng in one whole yere next after this conuiction. And also that the person so conuicted, shal for the same offence, suffer imprysonment by the space of .vi. monethes, without bayle or mayneprise. And if any such person once conuict of any offence concerning ỳ premisses, shal after his fyrst conuiction eftsoones offende, and be thereof in fourme aforesayde lawfully conuicte, that then the same person shal for his seconde offence suffer imprysonment by the space of one whole yere, and also shal therefore be depriued, ipso facto, of al his spiritual promotions, and that it shalbe lawful to al patrones or donors of al and singuler the same spiritual promotions, or of any of them, to present or collate to the same, as though the person or persons so offendyng were dead. And that yf any suche person and persons, after he shalbe twise conuicted in fourme aforesayde, shal offende agaynst anye of the premisses the thyrde tyme, and shalbe thereof in fourme aforesayde lawfully conuicted, that then the person so offendyng, and conuicted the thyrde tyme, shalbe depriued ipso facto, of all his spiritual promotions, and also shal suffer imprysonment duryng his lyfe. And yf the person that shall offende, and be conuicted in fourme aforesayde, concernyng any of the premisses, shal not be beneficed, nor haue any spiritual promotion, that then the same person so offendyng and conuicte, shal for the fyrst offence suffer imprysonment duryng one whole yere next after his sayde conuiction, without bayle or mayneprise. And if any suche person, not hauyng any spiritual promotion, after his fyrst conuiction, shal eftsoones offende in anye thing concernyng the premisses, and shal in fourme aforesayde be thereof lawfully conuicted, that then the same person shal for his second offence suffer imprysonment duryng his lyfe.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons whatsoeuer, after the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of Saint John Baptist next comming, shal in any enterludes, playes, songues, rymes, or by other open woordes, declare or speake anye thyng in the derogation, deprauyng, or despysyng of the same booke, or of any thyng therein conteyned, or any part thereof, or shal by open fact, deede, or by open threatnynges, compel, or cause, or otherwyse procure or maynteyne anye Parson, Vicar, or other Minister in anye Cathedral or Parysshe Churche, or in Chappel, or in any other place, to syng or say any common or open prayer, or to minister any Sacrament, otherwyse, or in any other maner & fourme then is mentioned in the sayde booke, or that by any of the sayde meanes shall

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vnlawfully interrupt, or let any Parson, vicar, or other Minister in any Cathedral or Parishe Churche, Chappel, or anye other place, to syng or say common and open prayer, or to minister the Sacramentes, or any of them, in such maner and fourme, as is mentioned in the sayd booke: that then euery such person beyng thereof lawfullye conuicted, in fourme abouesayde, shal forfeyte to the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres and successours, for the first offence, a hundred marckes. And if any person or persons, being once conuict of any suche offence, eftsoones offende agaynst any of the last recited offentes, and shal in fourme aforesayde be thereof lawfully conuicte: that then the same person so offending and conuict, shal for the seconde offence forfeyte to the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, her heyres and successours, foure hundred marckes. And if anye person, after he in fourme aforesayde, shal haue ben twise conuict of any offence concernyng any of the last recited offences, shal offend the thirde tyme, and be thereof in fourme abouesayde lawfully conuict: that then euery person so offendyng and conuict, shal for his thirde offence, forfeyte to our Soueraigne Lady the Queene, al his goodes and catteles, and shal suffer imprisonment during his life. And if any person or persons, that for his first offence concernyng the premisses shalbe conuicte in fourme aforesayde, do not pay the summe to be payde by vertue of his conuiction, in such maner and fourme as the same ought to be payde, within. vi. weekes next after his conuiction: that then euery person so conuict, and so not paying the same, shal for the same first offence, in steede of the sayde summe, suffer imprisonment by the space of. vi. monethes, without bayle or mainprise. And if any person or persons, that for his seconde offence concernyng the premisses, shalbe conuicte in fourme aforesayde, do not pay the sayd summe to be payde by vertue of his conuiction, and this estatute, in such maner & fourme as the same ought to be payd, within. vi. weekes next after his sayd second conuiction: that then euery person so conuicted, and not so paying the same, shal for the same seconde offence, in steede of the sayde summe, suffer imprisonment durynge. xii. monethes, without baile or mayneprise. And that from and after the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comming, all and euery person and persons, inhabiting within this realme, or any other the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shal diligently and faythfully, hauing no lawful or reasonable excuse to be absent, endeuour them selues to resort to their parysh Churche or Chappel accustomed, or vppon reasonable let thereof, to some vsu all place where common prayer and suche seruice of GOD shalbe vsed, in suche tyme of let, vppon euery Sundaye, and other dayes ordeyned and vsed to be kept as holy dayes, and then and there to abyde orderlye, and soberlye, duryng the tyme of the common prayer, preachynges,

chynges, or other seruice of God, there to be vsed and ministred, vppon payne of punyshment by the censures of the Churche, and also vpon payne that euery person so offendyng, shal forfeyte for euery suche offence. xii. d. to be leuied by the Churchwardens of the paryshe where suche offence shalbe done, to the vse of the poore of the same parysh, of the goodes, laudes, and tenementes of suche offendour, by waye of distresse. And for due execution hereof, the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, the lordes temporal, and al the commons in this present parliament assembled, doth in Gods name earnestly require & charge al the Archbyshops, Byshops, and other Ordinaries, that they shal endeuour them selues to the vttermost of their knowledges, that the due and true execution hereof, may be had throughout their dioceese and charges, as they wyl answeare before God, for such euylles & plagues wherwith almightie God may iustly punish his people for neglecting this good and holsome lawe. And for their auctoritie in this behalfe, be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler the same Archbyshops, Byshops, and al other their officers exercisyng Ecclesiastical iurisdiction, as wel in place exempt, as not exempt, within their dioceese, shal haue ful power and auctoritie by this acte, to refourme, correct, and punish by censures of the Church, all and singuler persons whiche shal offende within any their iurisdictions or dioceese, after the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptist next comming, agaynst this acte and statute: any other lawe, statute, priuiledge, libertie, or prouision, heretofore made, had, or suffered to the contrary, notwithstanding.

And it is ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all and euerye Iustices of Oyer and determiner, or Iustices of Assise, shal haue ful power and auctoritie in euery of their open and generall Sessions, to enquyre, heare, and determine, al and al maner of offences, that shalbe committed or done contrary to anye article conteyned in this presente acte, within the limittes of the Commission to them directed, and to make processe for the execution of the same, as they may doo agaynst any person beyng endited before them of trespasse, or lawfully conuicted thereof.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that al and euery Archbyshop and Byshop, shal or maye at all tyme and tymes, at his libertie and pleasure, ioyne and associate hym selfe by vertue of this acte, to the sayde Iustices of Oyer and determiner, or to the sayde Iustices of Assise, at euery of the sayde open and generall Sessions to be holden in any place within his dioceese, for and to the enquyrie, hearyng, and determinyng of the offences aforesayde.

Prouided also, and be it enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that the bookes concernyng the sayde Seruices, shal at the costes and charges

charges of the parishioners of euery parishe, and Cathedrall Churche, be attayned and gotten before the sayde feast of the Natiuitie of Saint Iohn Baptist next folowyng, and that al suche Parishes and Cathedral Churches, or other places, where the sayd bookes shalbe attained and gotten before the sayd feast of the Natiuitie of Saint Iohn Baptist, shall within three weekes next after the sayde bookes so attayned and gotten, vse the sayde seruice, and put the same in vre, according to this acte.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons shalbe at any tyme hereafter impeached, or otherwyse molested, of, or for any the offences aboue mentioned, hereafter to be committed or donne contrary to this acte, vnlesse he or they so offendyng be thereof indited at the next generall Sessions to be holden before any suche Justices of Oyer and determiner, or Justices of Assise, next after any offence committed or done contrary to the tenour of this acte.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordayned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler Lordes of the Parliament, for the thirde offence aboue mentioned, shalbe tryed by their peeres.

Prouided also, and be it ordayned and enacted by the auctoritie aforesayd, that the Maior of London, and al other Maiors, Bailiffes, and other head officers, of all and singuler Cities, Boroughes, and Townes corporate, within this Realme, Wales, and the Marches of the same, to the whiche Justices of Assise doo not commonly repayre, shall haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire, heare, and determine the offences aboue sayde, and euery of them, yeerely within .xv. dayes after the feaste of Easter, and .S. Michael tharchangel, in lyke manner and fourme as Justices of Assise and Oyer and determiner may doo.

Prouided alwayes, and be it ordeyned and enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that all and singuler Archbyshoppes and Byshoppes, and euery of their Chauncellours, Commissaries, Archdeacons, & other Ordinaries hauyng any peculier Ecclesiastical iurisdiction, shal haue ful power and auctoritie by vertue of this act, al well to enquire in their visitation, Synodes, and elswhere within their iurisdiction at any other tyme and place, to take accusations & informations of all and euery the thynges aboue mentioned, donne, committed, or perpetrated, within the limites of their iurisdictions and auctoritie, and to punishe the same by admonition, excommunication, sequestration, or deprivation, and other censures and processe, in lyke fourme as heretofore hath ben vsed in lyke cases by y Queenes Ecclesiasticall lawes.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that whatsoeuer person offendyng in the premisses, shall for their offences fyrst receyue punishment

nishment or the Ordinary, hauyng a testimoniall thereof vnder the sayde Ordinaries Seale, shall not for the same offence eftsoones be conuicted before the Justices. And lykewyse receyuing for the sayde fyrst offence punishment by the Justices, he shall not for the same offence eftsoones receyue punishment of the Ordinarie: any thyng conteyned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted, that suche ornamentes of the Churche, and of the ministers thereof, shalbe reteyned and be in vse, as was in this Churche of Englande, by auctoritie of Parliament, in the second yeere of the raigne of kyng Edwarde the. vi. vntyll other order shalbe therein taken by the auctoritie of the Queenes Maiestie, with the aduise of her Commissioners appoynted and auctorized vnder the great Seale of Englande for causes Ecclesiasticall, or of the Metropolitane of this Realme. And also that yf there shall happen any contempt or irreuerence to be vsed in the ceremonies or rites of the Churche, by the misusyng of the orders appoynted in this booke: the Queenes Maiestie may by the lyke aduise of the sayde Commissioners or Metropolitane, ordayne and publishe suche further ceremonies or rites, as may be most for the aduauncement of Gods glorye, the edifying of his Churche, and the due reuerence of Christes holy mysteries and Sacramentes.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that all lawes, statutes, and ordinaunces, wherein or whereby any other seruice, administration of Sacramentes, or common Prayer, is limitted, established, or set forth to be vsed within this Realme, or any other the Queenes dominions or countreys, shall from henceforth be vtterly voyde, and of none effect.

An acte for Recognition of the Queenes hyghnesse tytle to the imperiall crowne of this Realme.

The. iii. Chapter.

AS there is nothyng vnder God (most dreade Soueraigne Ladye) where we your most humble, faythfull, and obedient subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and commons in this present Parliament assembled, haue, may, or ought to haue more cause to reioyce, then in this only, that it hath pleased God of his mercifull prouidence and goodnesse, towardes vs and this our realme, not onely to prouide, but also to preserue and keepe for vs, and our wealthes your royall maiestie, our most ryghtfull and lawfull Soueraigne

ueraigne liege Lady and Queene, moste happyly to raigne ouer vs, for the whiche we doo geue and yeelde vnto hym from the bottomes of our hartes, our humble thankes, laudes, and prayses: Euen so there is nothyng that we your sayde subiectes for our partes can, may, or ought towardes your hyghnesse, more hymely, entirely, and assuredly in the puritie of our hartes thynke, or with our mouthes declare and confesse to be true, then that your Maiestie our sayde Soueraigne Lady is, and in very deede, and of moste meere ryght ought to be by the lawes of God, and the lawes and statutes of this Realme, our moste ryghtfull and lawfull Soueraigne liege Lady & Queene: and that your hyghnesse is ryghtly, lineally, and lawfully descended, and come of the blood royall of this Realme of Englande, in and to whole princely person, and the heyres of your body lawefully to be begotten after you, without all doubt, ambiguitie, scruple, or question, the imperial & royall estate, place, crowne, and dignitie of this Realme, with all honors, styles, titles, dignities, regalities, iurisdictions, & preheminences to the same nowe belongyng and appartenyng, are & shalbe moste fully, ryghtfully, really, and entirely inuested, and incorporated, vnited, & annexed, as ryghtfully, and lawfully, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as the same were in the sayd late kyng Henry the eyght, or in the late kyng Henry the. vi. your hyghnesse brother, or in the late Queene Marie your hyghnesse sister, at any time sithe the act of Parliament made in the. xxvi. yeere of the raigne of your sayde moste noble father kyng Henry the eyght, entituled, An acte concernyng the stablishment of the kinges maiesties succession in the imperial crowne of this Realme. For which causes, we your sayd moste louing, faythful, & obedient subiectes, representyng the three estates of your Realme of England, as thereunto constrayned by the lawe of God & man, except we should ouermuch forget our dueties to your hyghnesse, and to the heyres of your body lawfully begotten, can no lesse doo, but moste humbly beseeche your highnesse, that by thauctoritie of this present parliament, it may be enacted, established, and declared, that we doo recognise, acknowledge, and confesse the same your estate, ryght, tytle, and succession, as is aforesaid, to be in and to your highnesse, and the heires of your body to be begotten, thoroughly, and in the whole, and in euery part thereof, in such maner & fourme as before is mentioned, declared, or confessed, and therunto moste humbly & faythfully we do submit our selues, our heyres, & posterities for euer. And further doo make our moste hartie & humble petition vnto your hyghnesse, that it may please the same, not only to accept this our sayde recognition, but also our faythfull promises, that we, according to our dueties, shall and wyl stande to assiste and defende your royal Maiestie, and the heires of your body to be begotten, beyng kynges and Queenes of this Realme, and your sayde ryghtes, and titles in & to the sayde imperiall

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estate, place, crowne, and dignitie in all thynges thereto belongyng, at all tymes to the vttermoste of our possible powers, and therein to spende our bodyes, landes, and goodes, agaynst all persons whatsoeuer, that any thyng shal attempt to the contrary.

And that it may be enacted by thaucthoritie aforesayde, that aswell this our declaration, confession, & recognition, as also the limitation & declaration of the succession of the imperiall crowne of this Realme, mentioned and conteyned in the sayde acte made in the sayde .xxxv. yeere of the raigne of your sayde moste noble father, shall stande, remayne, and be the lawe of this Realme for euer. And that all sentences, iudgementes, & decrees, had, made, declared, set foorth, published, and promulged, and also as muche of euery clause, article, braunche, matter, or thyng contayned and expressed in any acte or actes of Parliament, as be in any thyng repugnaunt, contrary, or derogatorie to this our sayde confession, declaration, and recognition, or to any part or parcel thereof, or contrary to the sayd limitation of the succession of the imperial crowne, establyshed and made by the sayde acte in the said xxxv. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late kyng Henry theight (by what soeuer power or aucthoritie the same ben, or haue ben hadde or made) shalbe vtterly frustrate, voyde, and of none effecte: and also shall and may be cancelled, defaced, and put in perpetuall obliuion at your hyghnesse wyll and pleasure, as yf the same had neuer ben had, made, declared, set foorth, published, or promulged.

An acte for the restitution of the fyrst fruites and tenthes, and rentes reserued nomine decime, and of parsonages impropriate to the imperial crowne of this Realme.

The.iiii. Chapter.

IN their most humble wyse beseechen your most excellent Maiestie, your faithful and humble subiectes, the lordes spirituall and temporall, and the Commons of this your Realme in this present Parliament assembled, that where in the Parliament of your most noble father of famous memorie kyng Henry the eyght, holden at Westminster vppon prorogation the thirde day of Nouember, in the .xxvi. yeere of his prosperous raigne, it was enacted, ordayned, and established by thaucthoritie of the same Parliament amongst other thynges, that his hyghnesse, his heyres, & successours, kyngs of this Realme, should haue and enioy from time to time to endure for euer, of euery person and persons, whiche at any tyme after the fyrst day of Januarie then next ensuing, shoulde be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted

ted to haue any Archbyshoprike, Bysshoprike, Abbacye, Monastery, Priory, Colledge, Hospitall, Archdeaconry, Deanery, Prouostshyp, Prebend, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntrie, Free Chappel, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spirituall, within this Realme, or els where, within any of the kynges dominions, of what name, nature, or qualitie soeuer they were, or to whose foundation, patronage, or gyft soeuer they dyd belong, the fyrst fruites, reuenues, and profites, for one yeere of euery suche Archbyshoprike, Bysshoprike, Abbacie, Monasterie, Priory, Colledge, Hospitall, Archdeaconry, Deanery, Prouostshyppe, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntrye, Free Chappel, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spirituall aforenamed, whereunto any suche person or persons shoulde after the sayde fyrst day of Januarie be nominated, elected, prefected, presented, collated, or by any other meanes appoynted. And that euery suche person and persons, before any actual or reall possession, or medlyng with the profites of any suche Archbyshoprike, Bysshoprike, Abbacy, Monastery, Colledge, Hospitall, Deanery, Prouostshyp, Prebende, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntry, Free Chappell, Priorie, or other dignitie, benefice, office, or promotion spirituall, shoulde satisfie, contente, and pay, or cõpound, or agree to pay to the kinges vse, at reasonable dayes, vpon good suerties, the sayd fyrst fruites and profites for one yere. And it was further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that the fyrst fruites of benefices, before that tyme accustomed to be payde to the Bysshop of Norwiche within his Diocesse, and to the Archdeacon of Richemonde within his Archdeaconry, or any other person or persones within this Realme, or any other the kynges dominions, shoulde from the sayd fyrst day of January, cease and be extincte, and no longer be payde but only to the kynges hyghnesse, his heyres, and successours, in suche fourme as is before mentioned. And further it was enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that the kynges Maiestie, his heyres, and successours, for more augmentation and mayntenaunce of the royall estate of his imperiall crowne, shoulde yeerely haue, take, enioy, and receyue, vnited and knitte to his imperiall crowne for euer, one yeerely rent or pention, amountyng to the value of the tenthe part of all the reuenues, rentes, farmes, tythes, offerynges, emolumentes, and of all other profites, as well called spirituall as temporal, appartenyng or belongyng, or that from thencefoorth shoulde belong to any Archbyshoprike, Bysshoprike, Abbacy, Monastery, Priorye, Archdeaconry, Deanery, Hospitall, Colledge, House Collegiate, Prebende, Cathedrall Churche, Collegiate Churche, Conuentuall Churche, Parsonage, Vicarage, Chauntry, Freechappel, or other benefice, or promotiõ spirituall, of what name, nature, or qualitie soeuer they were, within any diocesse of this Realme, or in Wales, the sayd pention or annuall rent, to be

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yerely payd for euer, to the sayd late kyng, his heyres and successours, at the feast of the Natiuitie of our Lord God, and the fyrst payment therof to begin at the feast of the Natiuitie of our Lord God, which should be in the yere of our Lord God, a thousand, fiue hundred, thirtie & fyue, & to be payd yerely by such as should be appoynted to haue the collection therof, before the fyrst day of Aprill next folowyng, after the said feast of the Natiuitie of our Lorde God, as in the sayde acte more plainely it dooth appeare. And where also one other acte was made & established in the sayd Parliament, the sayd .xxvi. yere, that no farmour of Spirituall persons, shoulde be compelled or charged to pay for their leassours fyrst fruites or yerely pention, for the tenth graunted vnto the kynges hyghnesse, notwithstandyng any couenaunt, contract, bonde, or other thyng made to the contrary, as by the same acte more plainely appereth. And where also at one other session of the same Parliament, holden by prorogation at Westminster, in the .xxvii. yeere of the raigne of your sayde father, one other acte was made and established, that the kynges Spirituall subiectes, shoulde be deducted and allowed of the tenth of theyr spirituall promotions, for that fyrste yeere for whiche they shoulde pay the fyrst fruites, as in the sayd acte also more at large appeareth. And where also in one other Parliament of the sayde late kyng, holden at Westminster in the .xxviii. yere of his raigne, amongst other thynges it was enacted and ordayned, that the yeere in whiche the fyrst fruites of euery benefice and spirituall promotion shoulde be payde, shoulde beginne and be accompted immediatly after the auoydaunce thereof. And that the tythes, commodities, reuenues, casualties, and profites thereof (Chauntries only except) in the tyme of vacation, shoulde belong and afferre to the next incumbente, towardes the payment of the fyrst fruites, as by the same acte more at large appeareth. And where also in one other Parliament holden vpon prorogation at Westminster, in the .xxxii. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, one acte was made and established, that Bysshoppes vppon their accomptes, of, and for the sayde yeerely tenthe, should be discharged by theyr othes of payment of such summe or summes of money, of the sayd annal rent, or tenth, as they coulde not lawfully leuy, and also an order appoynted how the kyng shoulde be answered of the tenth of any benefice a spirituall promotion, omitted in the originall or former certificate of benefices and spirituall promotions, made in the Exchequer; as by the same act last mentioned more at large appeareth. And where also in the same Session and Parliament holden in the sayde .xxxii. yeere of the raigne of your kyngnelle sayde noble father, and by auctoritie of the same Parliament, one courte was erected, establyshed, and made, for the better answearing of the sayd fyrst fruites and tenthes vnto the kyng, called the court of

fyrst

first fruites and tenthes, as in the same act of erection thereof more fully appeareth. And where also in the same session and Parliament one other act was made, wherby the Byshop of Norwich for the time being (beyng before that discharged from the collection of the tenth within his diocesse) shoulde be charged and chargeable for euer, for and with the collection of the same tenth within his diocesse, & make payment therof, as other Bishops should or ought to do within theyr diocesse, as by the same act more playnely appeareth. And where also in one other Parliament of the sayde late kyng, holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, in the .xxiiii. yeere of his raigne, one acte was established and made concernyng Collectours and Receauers, to make payment of theyr receiptes within three monethes next after the same shoulde be due, and payde to the kynges vse, vnder certayne penalties therin expressed, as by the same act more at large appeareth. And where also in the same Session and Parliament it was enacted and established, that the newe erected Byshops, of Chester, Gloucester, Peterborough, Bristol, Oxford, and theyr successours for euer, shoulde pay theyr tenthes reserued vpon theyr letters patents, or theyr seueral erections, onely in the sayde court of the first fruites & tenthes for euer, as by the same acte more at large appeareth. And where also in the Parliament of the sayde late kyng, holden at Westminster in the .xxxvii. yere of his raigne, one act entituled, An acte for the vnion of Churches, not exceedyng the value of .vi. li. was established and made, wherein is conteyned a sauyng to the kyng of the firste fruites and tenthes of al Churches and Chappels, not exceedyng the value of vi. li. that then were, or from thencefoorth shoulde be vnited and consolidate in one, as in the same acte and sauyng more largelye appeareth. And where also in the Parliament of your hyghnesse dearest brother of worthie memorie kyng Edwarde the sixth, holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, in the seconde yere of his raigne, one acte was made, that by the certificate of the Bishop of any diocesse within this Realme, or anye of the dominions of the same, of recusaunce or none payment of anye tenth of anye benefice or spiritual promotion, the incumbent shoulde leese but the benefice or promotion onely, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth.

And where also in one other Parliament of the sayde late kyng Edwarde, holden at Westminster in the seuenth yere of his raigne, one acte was made and established, declaryng howe and in what sort the vnder Collectours of the tenth in euery diocesse, appoynted by the Byshop, shoulde be bounde to discharge the Bishop of that collection, and a longer day geuen for the payment of the tenth: and howe the kyng shoulde be aunsweared of the tenth for the tyme of vacation of euery benefice and spiritual promotion, and that the patentes of the

collection of tenth, shoulde be good onely duryng the incumbentes of the grauntours, as in the same acte more at large is conteyned. And where also in the second session of parliament of our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie your Maiesties dearest sister, holden at Westminster in the fyrst yere of her raigne, one acte was made and established, whereby ful power and aucthoritie was geuen and appoynted vnto her hyghnesse, at her wyl and pleasure, to alter, chaunge, vnite, transport, dissolue, or determine, aswel the sayde court of firste fruites and tenthes, as the court of augmentations of the reuenues of the kynges crowne, and other courtes, therin expressed, and to reduce the same courtes, or any of them, into one, two, or more court or courtes, or to vnite and annexe the sayde courtes, or any two or more of them, togeather, or to any other of her Maiesties courtes of recordes, as to her it shoulde be thought most conuenient and best, for the better, sure, and more speedy aunswearyng of her yerely reuenues, casualties, and profites, then answearable in the sayde courtes, or any of them, as in the same acte more at large is expressed: by vigor and aucthoritie of whiche act, the sayde late Queene by her graces foure seueral letters patentes, wherof two beare date the.xxiii.day of January, in the first yere of her raigne, and the other two the.xxiiii.day of Januarie in the same yere, dyd not onely dissolue, determine, and extinguishe the sayde courtes, commonly called and entituled, The court of augmentations and reuenues of the kynges crowne, and, The court of the fyrst fruites and tenth, and the iurisdiction and aucthoritie thereof: but also dyd vnite, transpose, and annex the sayde courtes of augmentations and reuenues of the kynges crowne, and of the fyrst fruites and tenthes so dissolued, to the sayde court of the Exchequer, there to be and continue as a member and parcel of the same court of the Exchequer: and dyd appoynt al and singuler the reuenues, casualties, profites, and hereditamentes then aunswerable in the sayde courtes, to the order, rule, surueye, and gouernaunce of the sayde court of the Exchequer, there to be answeared and accompted for euer, in suche order, maner, and fourme, as in the sayde later letters patentes, and in two Scedules vnto the sayde letters patentes annexed, is mentioned and declared, as by the tenour and purport of the sayde letters patentes and Scedules, signed with her highnes hand, more playnelye may appeare. By reason of al whiche sayde premisses, not onelye the sayde perpetual reuenues of the fyrste fruites and tenthes, graunted by the sayde acte in the.xxvi. yere of the raigne of your hyghnesse most noble father, in augmentation & maintenaunce of the crowne of this Realme, but also the tenthes or yerely rentes reserued nomine decime, by any letters patentes, of your sayde noble father, sithence the sayd.xxvi.yere of his raigne, and of your sayde dearest brother

ther and sister, or of any of them, made to any Bysshop, and his succes-
sours, or to any Cathedral Church, Deane and Chapter, Colledge, or
any other Ecclesiastical and Spiritual person or persons, or corpora-
tions, and their successours for euer. And also all and euery the rent-
tes, reuennes, issues, and profites, of all and singuler Rectories,
personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe landes, tithes, oblac-
ons, pensions, portions, and other profites, and emoluments eccle-
siastical and spiritual to the same belonging, being in the handes
and possession of your sayde dearest sister, at the sayde xxiiii. daye of
January, were ordered, and wearable, and accompted for in the sayd
court of the Exchequier, and were therein wel and truly answeared
and payde vnto her highnesse ble and behoofe, lyke as the same haddе
ben vnto the sayd two noble kynges, her sayde father & brother, by the
space of xx. yeres, without greefe or contradiction of the Prelates
and Clergie of this Realme, to the great ayde, releefe, and suppor-
on of the inestimable charges of the Crowne of this Realme, whiche
dayly since the tyme of the making of the sayd fyrste acte, haue encrea-
sed and growen more and more. Which thyng although the sayde late
Queene mought and dyd manifestly feele & perceyue to be moste true:
yet she vpon certayne zealous and inconuenient respectes, not suffi-
ciently, nor politiquely enough waying that matter, nor hauing due
consideration and regarde to the mayntenaunce, vpholding, and
good continuaunce of the state of the Imperiall Crowne of this
Realme in succession, whiche rather needed an augmentation, then
any diminution, procured and wylled an acte of Parliament to be
made and prouided in the seconde and thirde yeres of the raigne of
kyng Philip her late husbande, and her, that all payementes of the
sayde first fruites, shoulde from thencefoorth ceasse and be clearely ex-
tinct and determined for euer: and that aswel all the sayde benefices
and spiritual promotions, as the possessours, owners, and incum-
bentes thereof, and their successours, shoulde from and after the xxiii.
day of August, in the sayde second and thirde yeres, and so from thence-
foorth at all tymes for euer, be clearelye exonerate, acquited, & discharg-
ged, againste the sayd late kyng Philip & Queene Marie, her heyres,
and successours, of and from the payment and paymentes of all and
euery the sayd fyrst fruites, in as ample and large maner and fourme,
as they were before the making of the sayde acte, of the fyrst and ori-
ginal graunt thereof, in the sayde xxvi. yere of the raigne of the sayde
late kyng your noble father, and as though the same had neuer ben
had ne made. And further, that neyther the sayde perpetual pension,
annal rent, or tenth, graunted by the sayde fyrste acte of the xxvi.
yere of the sayde noble kyng Henry: nor also the sayde seuerall annall
rentes, or tenthes, reserued nomine decime, by and vpon the sayde

seueral letters patentes, of the sayde late Kyng and Queene, made to spiritual persons and corporations as is aforesayde, or any of them, from and after the feast of S. Michael Tharchangel then last past, shoulde any more be payde or payable vnto the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, her heyres, or successours, but that aswel all the sayde Archbyshoprickes, Byshoprickes, and other benefices, dignities, Deanes, and Chapters, Colledges, Corporations, and Spiritual promotions aforesayde, as also the possessours, owners, proprietaries, and incumbentes of the same, and theyr successours, from and after the sayde feast of S. Michael Tharchangel, shoulde be clearelye exonerate, acquited and discharged of, and from the payment thereof, agaynst them, and the heyres, & successours of the same late Queene for euer. And furthermore, that the sayde late kyng Philip & Queene Marie, her heyres, or successours, from and after the sayde feast of S. Michael Tharchangel, shoulde not receyue, perceyue, take, and enioy any the issues, reuenues, profites, or commodities of the sayde rectories, personages, benefices, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spiritual aforesayde, or of any of them, or of the reuertion or reuertions of them, or any of them: but in and by the sayde acte, the same late kyng and Queene, clearely gaue ouer, renounced, and relinquished aswel the sayde rectories, personages benefices, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes ecclesiastical and spiritual aforesayde, and euerye of them, and the reuertion and reuertions of them, and euerye of them, and al theyr ryght, tytle, vse, interest, and demaunde of, in, or to the same, from them, and the heyres, and successours of the sayde late Queene for euer, as also the sayde perpetual pention, annal rent, and tenth, and also the sayde yerely rentes, reserued nomine decime, vpon the sayde seueral letters patentes, and all theyr ryght, tytle, and interest, which they or eyther of them, or the heyres or successours of the sayde late Queene, had or mought haue had, in or to the same. The same yerely pention, tenthes, yerely rentes, personages, emolumentes, and profites, to be perceyued, taken, receyued, counted, employed, vsed, and disposed by the late reuerend father in God Reginald Poole, late Cardinal and Legate, and suche other persons as he shoulde name and appoynt, and such other as ben specially limited in the sayde acte, to and for certayne vses, purposes, and intentes mentioned in the same acte, with diuers prouisions, and a sauyng in the same expressed and conteyned, as by the same more at large appeareth. We your sayde humble and obedient subiectes, the Lordes spiritual and temporal, and commons in this your present Parliament assembled, callyng to our remembraunce the huge, innumerable,

innumerable, and inestimable charges of the royal estate, and impe-
rial Crowne of this realme, and how the same is left vnto your Ma-
iestie, at this your first entrie thereunto, greatly diminished, as well
by reason of the sayde acte made in the said second and third yeere
of the raigne of the sayde king Philip and Queene Marie, as other-
wise, do conceiue at the bottome of our hartes great sorowe and
heauynesse, as subiectes carefull for their naturall and liege Sou-
raigne Lady, vppon whom dependeth the suretie, worldly ioy, and
wealth of vs all: and beyng no lesse affected towardes your Maiesties
most royall person, and the preseruation and mayntenaunce of the
same, & of the estate and succession of your Maiesties sayde Crowne,
then were the first graunters of the sayde first fruites, and tenthes
towardes your highnesse most noble father, and his said royal estate,
at the time of their sayde graunt to him thereof made, do accompt of
very right and good congruence no lesse then our most bounden dut-
tie, to moue your highnesse, and therewith most humbly to beseeche
the same: that the great dilapidation and decay committed and done to
the crowne and estate royall of this your Realme, and the succes-
sion thereof by reason of the sayde acte made in the sayde seconde and
thirde yeeres of the raigne of the said king Philip and Queene Ma-
rie, may at this Parliament be reformed and auoyded, & that with
your highnesse fauour and royall assent it may be enacted, ordeyned,
established, and prouided by authoritie of this Parliamẽt, in maner
and fourme hereafter ensuyng: That is to say, that the said act made
in the seconde and thirde yeeres of the raigne of the sayde late king
Philip and Queene Marie, and all articles, clauses, and sentences
therein conteyned, shalbe from and after the first day of this present
Parliament, vtterly & clearely repealed, made voyde, and of no force
ne effect: and al authorities and liberties graunted, limited, and ap-
pointed in & by the said act to the said late Cardinal Poole, or made
or deryued, by force, strength, or colour of the same acte, by or from the
said late Cardinal, to any other person or persons, bodyes politike or
corporate, to cease and be vtterly voyde and determined: and that the
said first fruites, and al payments thereof, from and after the sayde
first day of this Parliament, shalbe reuiued, and haue their beyng &
continuaunce agayne, and be deemed & adiudged to al intentes, con-
structions, and purposes, in the Queenes highnes most royal person,
her heyres, and successours, and vnited and annexed to the imperiall
crowne of this Realme, of and in such like, and the same estate, inte-
rest, title, quantitie, sort, degree, and condition, and in as ample and
beneficial maner and fourme, as the same was or were in the person
or possession of the sayde late Queene Marie, at and before the sayde
eight day of August, in the said act of extinguishment mentioned and

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expressed: the same acte of extinguishment, or any letters patentes, or any other matter or thyng had, done, or suffered by the sayde late Queene, to the contrary thereof in any wyse, notwithstandyng. And also that aswell so muche of the sayde perpetuall and annuall rentes and pention, graunted by the sayde acte made in the sayde xxvi. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eight, as also so muche of the sayde yeerely rentes reserued vppon the sayde seuerall letters patentes nomine decime, and also so many of the sayde rectories, personages, and benefices, impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes Ecclesiasticall and Spirituall afore sayde, and the reuertion and reuertions thereof: and all rentes, emolumentes, and profites incident to the same, as were in the handes and possession of the sayde late Queene Marie, at and before the sayde eyght day of August, shal from the sayde feast of Saint Michael Tharchangel last past, be vested, adiudged, and deemed, actually and really in the realme and possession of our said Soueraigne Lady Queene Elizabeth, her heires, and successours, to all intentes, constructions, and purposes, of and in suche lyke and the same estate, interest, order, degree, qualitie, sorte, and condition, and as fully, wholly, largely, and beneficially, as the same were in the realme's possession of the sayd late Queene Marie, at and before the same eyght day of August. And that aswel the sayde first fruites and tenthes, and the order thereof, as also the sayd annuall rentes reserued nomine decime, and the sayde rectories, personages, benefices, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites and emolumentes ecclesiastical and spirituall afore sayde, and euery of them, and the reuertion and reuertions of them, and of al rentes and profites vnto the same, or any of them, incident or belonging, shalbe within the sayd order, suruey, rule, and gouernaunce of the sayd courte of Exchequer, in euery degree, sorte, or condition, as they were (at and) before the sayde eyght day of August: the sayde acte made in the sayde seconde and thirde yeeres, or any another matter or thing to the contrary thereof, notwithstandyng. And that so much of all and euery the sayde actes and statutes first recited, or of any other acte or statute, touching or concernyng the order, leuying, true answearyng, and payment, or qualification of the sayde first fruites and tenthes, and of the sayde rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, and of the rentes, reuennues, emoluntentes, and profites thereof, and of al other the premisses, and also the charge discharge or alteration of them, or any of them, or any matter or thing in any wyse soundyng or tendyng thereunto, whiche were standing, and beyng in force, effect, and vnrepealed at and before the sayd eight day of August, (except onely the sayde actes of the erections of the

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courtes of augmentations and firſt fruites and tenthes) ſhalbe, re-
mayne, and continue in theyr full and perfect ſtrengthes and forces,
and be obſerued and put in due execution, accordyng to the tenours
and purpoſes of the ſame, euery of them. And that the Queenes
Maieſtie, her heires, and ſucceſſours, by auctoritie of this preſent
Parliament, ſhal from the ſayde firſt day of this preſent Parliament,
haue, holde, poſſeede, and enioy for euer, the aduouſons, gyftes, and
patronages of al vicarages belonging to or incident to any of the ſaid
rectories, and perſonages impropriate, in the ſame ſort, qualitie, con-
dition, and degree, to all intentes and purpoſes, as the ſame were in
the perſon and poſſeſſion of the ſayde late Queene Marie, at and be-
fore the ſayde eyght day of Auguſt: any thyng or acte donne by the
ſame late Cardinall, or any graunt or grauntes by letters patentes
made by the ſayde late Queene Marie, of the ſayde aduouſons and
patronages, or any of them, to any eccleſiaſtical or ſpiritual perſon or
perſons, or any ſpirituall corporation, to the contrary in any wyſe,
notwithſtandyng.

Sauyng to al and euery perſon and perſons, bodyes politike and
corporate, and theyr heyres, executours, ſucceſſours, and aſſignes, and
euery of them, other then ſuche perſons as be mentioned and na-
med in any letters patentes, made by the ſayde Queene Marie, the
ſayde viii. day of Auguſt, or at any tyme ſithen, or clayming only by
or vnder thauctoritie and ſtrength of the ſame acte or letters pa-
tentes, or any of them, al ſuch right, title, intereſt, eſtate, offices, fealties,
grauntes, annuities, penſions, fees, corrodies, rentes, and other reue-
nu profites and commodities, as they or any of them ought or ſhoulde
haue had, perceiued, or enioyed, of, in, or by reaſon of any the perſo-
nages, rectories, or of any other the premiſſes, in caſe the ſayde for-
mer acte nowe repealed, and this preſent acte of repeale, had neuer
ben had ne made: any thyng in the ſame actes, or eyther of them con-
teyned, or ſoundyng to the contrary therof in any wyſe, notwith-
ſtandyng.

And be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforeſayde, that from
and after the ſayde feaſt of Saint Michael Tharchangell laſt paſt,
and ſo from thencefoorth from tyme to tyme, the ſayde pentions, an-
nuities, rentes, corrodies, fees, and other yeerely paymentes, ſhalbe
payde and payable onely by our ſayd Soueraigne Lady, her heyres,
and ſucceſſours, at the receipt of the Exchequer, or in ſuche other pla-
ces, as the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, or ſucceſſours ſhal appoynt,
to al and euery perſon and perſons, that ought to haue and enioy
the ſame, in ſuch ſort, order, or fourme, as the ſame ſhoulde or ought to
haue ben payde and payable, in caſe the ſayd acte nowe repealed, had
neuer ben had ne made: any thyng therein or els in this act contey-

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ned to the contrary thereof in any wyle, notwithstandyng.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayd, that al and singuler incumbentes, proprietaries, tenauntes, farmours, lealles, and occuppyers of the premilles, or any part thereof, theyr heyres, executours, and assignes, whiche the sayde fyrst day of this present Parliament, were behynde, or in any arrerages of and with the rentes, farmes, tenthes, or other reuenues, profites, or dueties, by them or any of them due and payable, for or by reason of the premilles, or any of them, shall and may be by the aucthoritie of this acte, severally chargeable, accomptable, and answearable to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, in & at the sayd court of the Exchequer, of and for the same arrerages and dueties, as other accomptauntes be and shalbe in the same court: any thyng in the sayde act, nowe repealed in this acte, or any other matter or cause to the contrary thereof in any wyle, notwithstandyng.

And yet neuertheleile the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, at the humble request of her sayde subiectes, of her aboundaunt grace and bountefulnesse, is pleased and contented that it be enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that al and singuler vicarages, not exceeding the yeerely value of ten poundes, after the rate and value vppon the recordes and bookes of the rates and values for the fyrste fruites and tenthes, nowe remaynyng in the Exchequer, or that shall hereafter come and remayne in the same courte, and also all and singuler parsonages, not exceedyng the yeerely value of tenne marckes, after the fyrst rate and valuation, and the incumbentes thereof, and euery of them, theyr executours, administratours, successours, and sureties, and euery of them, from the sayde feast of Saint Michael Tharchangel last past, shalbe free and clearely discharged, and acquited for euer, againste the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, of and from the sayde first fruites: any thyng in the sayde acte of fyrste fruites and tenthes made in the sayde .xxvi. yeere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng Henry the eyght, or in this acte of repeale, or any other acte or actes before recited to the contrary thereof in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaide, that if any incumbent of any such promotions spirituall, as is aforesayde, charged or chargeable to the payment of the sayde fyrst fruites, happe to liue to thend of one halfe yeere next after the last auoydance of the same promotion spirituall, so as he hath receiued, or without fraud or couin, might lawfully haue receiued or enioyed the rentes or profites of that halfe yere, & before the ende of the other halfe yere, then next folowyng, shall happen to dye, or to be lawfully exiuted, remoued, or put from the sayde promotion spirituall, by iudgement

went in any action of the common lawe, without fraude or couine: that then euery suche incumbent, his heyres, executours, administratours, and sueerties, shalbe charged and chargeable but only with the fourth parte of the fyrst fruites due to be payde for suche his promotion, and with no more of the sayde fyrst fruites: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any bonde or wrytyng to be made for the payment of the sayde fyrst fruites, or any other matter or cause to the contrary notwithstandyng. And yf it shall happen any suche incumbent to liue by the space of one whole yeere next after the last auoydaunce of the same promotion Spirituall, and after before the ende of one halfe yeere then next folowyng, shall fortune to dye, or to be lawfully enicted, remoued, or put from the sayde promotion Spirituall, by iudgement in any action at the Common lawe, without fraude or couine: that then euery suche incumbent, his heyres, executours, administratours and sureties, shalbe charged and chargeable but only with the moyte and one halfe of the fyrst fruites due to be payde, for suche his promotion spirituall, and with no more of the same fyrst fruites: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any bonde or wrytyng obligatorie to be made for the payment of the same fyrst fruites, or any other matter or cause to the contrary notwithstandyng. And yf it shall happen any suche incumbent to liue to the ende of one whole yeare and a halfe, next after the last auoydaunce of suche promotion Spirituall, and after and before the ende of fiue monethes then next folowyng shall fortune to dye, or to be lawfully enicted, remoued, or put from the sayde promotion Spirituall, by iudgement in any action at the common lawe, without fraude or couine: that then euery suche incumbent, his heyres, executours, administratours, and sureties, shalbe charged and chargeable but onely with three partes of the fyrst fruites of the same promotion spirituall, in foure partes to be diuided, and with no more: any thyng in this acte conteyned, or any bonde or wrytyng obligatorie had or made for the payment of the sayd fyrst fruites, or any other matter or cause to the contrarye notwithstandyng. And yt it shal happen any suche incumbent to liue to the ende of two whole yeeres, next after the last auoydaunce of the same his promotion spirituall, and not to be lawfully enicted, remoued, or put from the same promotion spirituall as is aboue sayde, that then euery suche incumbent, his heyres, executours, administratours, and sureties, shall content and pay to our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, her heyres, and successours, the whole fyrst fruites due to be payde for the same promotion spirituall, according to the estatutes aboue sayde.

Prouided also, and be it enacted, that all graunttes, fraunchises, and liberties, geuen to the vniuersities of Cambridge, and Oxforde,

Oxforde, or to any Colledge or Hall in eyther of the sayde vniuersities and to the Colledges of Eton and Winchester, and vnto euery or any of them, by our late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Henry the eyght, or any other of the Queenes hyghnesse progenitors or predecessors, or by act of Parliament, for or touchyng the release or discharge of the sayde fyrst fruites and tenthes, or any parte thereof, shalbe alwayes and remayne in theyr full strength and vertue: and that all suche lawfull conueyaunces and assurauunces in the lawe, as were had or made before the makyng of this acte, to eyther of the sayde vniuersities of Oxforde and Cambridge, or to any Colledge or Hall within any of them, by what name or names so euer they or any of them be incorporated or named, of any of the sayde personages, or benefices impropriate, or of any part of the same, or of any patronages, for the mayntenaunce of studentes, or learnyng, shalbe as good and effectual in the lawe, to all intentes, constructions, and purpoles, as though this acte hadde neuer bene made.

And be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that the Deane and Canons of the Freechappell of S. George the Martyr, within the Castle of Windsor, and all the possessions and hereditamentes of the same Freechappell, Deanry, and Canons, by whatsoeuer name or names they be incorporated or knowen, shall be exonerated, and shal stand forever discharged of the tenthes and fyrst fruites before mentioned: any thyng in this acte, or any other acte or statute before mentioned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided also and be it enacted, that all leases made before the twentie day of December last past, for .xxi. yeeres, or three lyues at the most, by any person or personnes, bodyes polityke or corporate, beyng lawfully seased of, or in any of the sayde personages impropriate, or of, or in any other the premisses woont commonly to be let, or set to ferme, then being out of lease, or whereof there was not at the time of the makyng of the sayde lease or leases, any former lease to endure aboue one yeere then to come at the most, and vppon whiche newe lease or leases, the olde yeerely rent accustomably woont to be payde for the same, by the space of .xx. yeeres last before the makyng of suche lease or leases, or more yeerely rent is reserued and payable duryng the sayde terme, and all other lawfull grauntes, by them or any of them heretofore made of any office or offyces, in olde tyme woont commonly to be graunted: and all gyftes and grauntes of any personage or personages impropriate, heretofore belongyng to the Archedeaconrie of Welles, in the Countie of Somerset, or to the incumbent of the same office or dignitie, or to the incumbent of the same lately geuen and reserued, shalbe as good and effectuall in the lawe, as though

though this acte or any thyng therein conteyned had not beene had or made.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Archdeaconry, and all Rectories and spirituall promotions, geuen, alligned, limitted, or appoynted to the same, and al and euery incumbentes and incumbent, whiche hereafter shall be presented, collated, preferred, and admitted vnto the sayde Archdeaconry, and the Rectories and spirituall promotions thereunto limitted and appoynted, or apparteynyng and belongyng, shall stande, remayne, and be charged and chargeable with the payment of the fyrst fruites and tenthes for the same, to the Queenes hyghnesse, her heyres, and successours, in suche lyke manner and fourme as other spirituall promotions, and the incumbentes of the same, be and shalbe charged and chargeable by this acte, or by any other acte or statute before specified.

Prouided alwayes and be it further enacted by thauctho̅ritie aforesayde, that so many of the sayde Rectories, personages, and benefices impropriate, glebe landes, tythes, oblations, pentions, portions, and other profites, and emolumentes ecclesiasticall and spirituall, and euery of them, and the reuertion and reuertions of them, and all rentes and profites vnto the same or any of them incident or belongyng, as were at and before the sayde eyght day of August in the handes or possessions of the sayde late Queene Marie, and within the surueye, rule, and order of the court of the Duchie of Lancaster, shall be agayne within the order, surueye, rule, and gouernement of the sayde court, in suche and the same maner and fourme, to all intentes and purposes, as they were at and before the sayde eyght day of August, in the sayde seconde and thyrde yeeres of the raigne of the saide late kyng and Queene: any thyng in this acte, or in the sayde acte of the same late kyng and Queene to the contrary thereof, in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the auctho̅ritie of this Parliament, that no person or persons, presented, instituted, or inducted, at any tyme sithens the fyrst day of this present Parliament, or that shall be presented, instituted, or inducted on this syde the feaste of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commyng, to any the sayde spirituall or ecclesiasticall promotions, chargeable to or with the payment of the fyrst fruites or one yeeres profites of such promotion, shall incurre anye penaltie or forfayture, by entryng into anye of the sayde Spirituall or Ecclesiasticall promotions, or by takyng the profites thereof, for the none payment or not compoundyng of or for the fyrst fruites thereof, so that he or any other for hym, shall or doo compounde for the same fyrste fruites, accordyng to the true meanyng

meanyng of the ſtatute, before the ſayde feaſt of the Natiuitie of S. Iohn Baptiſt: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, that this acte, or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhall not in any wyſe extend to charge any hoſpitall founded and vſed, and the poſſeſſions thereof employed to and for the releefe of poore people, or any Scoole or Scooles, or the poſſeſſions or reuenues of them, or any of them, with the paiment of any tenthes or fyrſt fruites: any thyng in this acte before mentioned to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

An acte whereby certayne offences be made Treaſon.

Chapter. vi.

WHERE in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter the. xii. day of Nouember, in the ſeconde yere of the raigne of the late Queene Marie, ſyſter vnto our moſt gratious Soueraigne Ladye the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, there was one act or ſtatute made for the better ſuretie and preſeruation of the ſayd late Queene, entituled, An act wherby certayne offences be made treaſons, as by the ſame acte more at large dooth appeare. And for as muche as the very woordes and ſentences of the ſayd eſtatute, doo extend no further but vnto the ſayd late Queene Marie, and the heyres of her body, therefore yf any ſuche lyke offences as be mentioned and conteyned within the ſayde ſtatute, ſhould hereafter happen to be committed agaynſt our ſayde Soueraigne Lady that nowe is, there were no due remedie, or condigne puniſhment prouided for the ſame.

In conſyderation whereof, and to thintent that the malice of wicked and euyll doers may the better be reſtrayned by the extendyng of the effect and benefite of the matters conteyned in the ſayde eſtatute, to our moſt deare Soueraigne Lady that nowe is, and for the more ſuretie and preſeruation of her hyghneſſe royall eſtate, be it enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, with the aſſent of the Lordes ſpirituall and temporall, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, & by the auctoritie of the ſame, that yf any perſon or perſons after the fyrſt day of May next to come, doo malitiouſly, aduiſedly, and directly, compaſſe or imagine to deprriue the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, or the heyres of her body to be begotten, beyng Kynges or Queenes of this Realme, from the ſtyle, honour, & kyngly name of the imperial crowne of this Realme, or from any other the

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Realmes and dominions vnto our sayde Soueraigne Ladye apparteynyng and belongyng, or to destroye the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, or any the heyres of her body, beyng kynges or Queenes of this Realme, or to leuie warre within this Realme, or within anye the marches or dominions to ỹ same belonging, agaynst the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, or any the heyres of her body, being kinges or Queenes of this Realme, or to depose the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, or any the heyres of her body, beyng kynges and Queenes of this Realme, from the imperial crowne of the Realmes and Dominions aforesayde, and the same compasses, or imaginations, or any of them, malitiously, aduisedly, & directly shal or do vtter by open preachyng, expresse wordes or sayinges: or yf any person or persons, after the sayde fyrste day of May next commyng, shal malitiously, aduisedly, and directly say, publishe, declare, maynteyne, or hold opinion, that the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, duryng her lyfe, is not, or ought not to be Queene of this Realme, or after her death, that the heyres of her highnes body, being kinges or queenes of this Realme, of ryght ought not to be kynges or queenes of this Realme, or that any other person or persons, other then the Queenes highnesse that nowe is, duryng her lyfe, ought to be kyng or queene of this realme, or any other ỹ Realmes or dominions aforesayd, or after her death, other then the heyres of her body, being kynges or queenes of this Realme, as long as any of her said heyres of her body begotten shalbe in lyfe, of right ought to haue and enioy the imperial crowne of this Realme, or any the Realmes & dominions aforesayde: that then euery suche offendour, beyng thereof duely conuicted or attaynted by the lawes of this Realme, their abbettours, procurers, and counsaylours, and all and euery theyr comforters, knowyng the sayde offences, or anye of them, to be done, and being therof duely conuicted or attaynted, as is aforesayde, for his or theyr such offence, shal forfeyte and lose to the Queenes highnesse her heyres and successours, al his & theyr goodes and cattels, and the whole issues and profites of his and their landes, tenementes, and hereditamentes, for terme of the lyfe of euery suche offendour or offendours, and also shal haue and suffer duryng his and theyr lyues perpetual imprysonment.

Prouided alwayes, and be it further enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that al and euery ecclesiastical person, beyng conuicted or attaynted in fourme aforesayde, for euery suche his offence, shal immediatly and presently vpon suche attaynder had, be iudged & remayne in the lawe to al intentes, depriued from al his benefices and promotions spirituall or Ecclesiastical, in suche maner and fourme, that it shalbe lawful for euery patrone, founder, or gruer thereof, to present immediatly after suche attaynder had, some one or other to the

ſame, as though the ſayde offendour or offendours were deceaſſed.

And if any perſon or perſons, being hereafter conuicted or attainted of any the ſayde offences, in fourme aforeſaid cõmitted, ſhal after his or theyr conuiction or attaindour eſtſones commit or perpetrate any of the ſayd offences in fourme aforeſayde, that then euery ſuch ſeconde offence or offences, ſhalbe deemed & adiudged high treaſon, & the offendour or offendours therein, their abbettours, procurers, and counſaylours, & al and euery theyr aydours and comforters, knowing the ſayd offences, or any of them to be done, being therof conuicted or attainted, according to the lawes & ſtatutes of this Realme, ſhalbe iudged & deemed hygh traytours, and ſhal ſuffer paynes of death, and loſe & forfeyte al theyr goodes, cattels, landes, and tenementes, to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, & ſucceſſours, as in caſes of high treaſon by the lawes of this Realme, at this day of ryght ought to be loſt and forfeyted.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that if any perſon or perſon, at any tyme after the ſayde fyft day of May next to come, by any wryting, printing, ouert deede, or act, malitiouſly, aduiſedly, and directly, do affyrme that the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, ought not to haue and enioy the ſtile, honour, and kyngly name of this Realme: or that any perſon or perſons, other then the Queenes Maieſtie that now is, ought to haue and enioy ỹ ſtile, honour & kingly name of this Realme: or that the Queenes Maieſtie that nowe is, duryng her lyfe, is not, or ought not to be Queene of this Realme: or after her death, that the heyres of her hyghneſſe bodye beyng kynges or Queenes of this Realme, of ryght ought not to haue & enioy the imperial crowne of this Realme: or that any perſon or perſons other thẽ the Queenes maieſtie that now is, duryng her lyfe, or after her death other then the heyres of her bodye begotten, being kinges or queenes of this Realme, as long as any of her ſayde heyres of her bodye ſhalbe in lyfe, of ryght ought to haue and enioy the imperial crowne of this Realme: that then euery ſuche offence and offences, ſhalbe adiudged high treaſon, and the offendour and offendours therein, their abbettours, procurers, and counſaylours, and al and euery theyr aydours and comforters, knowing the ſayde offences or any of them to be done, being thereof lawfullye conuicted or attaynted by the lawes of this Realme, ſhalbe deemed and adiudged high traytours, and ſhall ſuffer paynes of death, and looſe and forfeyte al theyr goodes and cattelles, landes and tenementes to the Queenes Maieſtie, her heyres, and ſucceſſours, as in caſes of high treaſon by the lawes of this Realme, at this day of ryght ought to be loſt and forfeyted.

Sauing to euery perſon and perſons, bodies politique and corporate, theyr heyres, and ſucceſſours (other then the offendours and theyr heyres, and ſuch perſon and perſons, as clayme to any of theyr vſes)

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all suche rightes, tytles, interestes, possessions, leases, rentes, reuertions, offices, and other profites, whiche they or any of them shall haue at the day of the committing suche treasons, or at any tyme afore, in as large and ample maner, as if this acte had neuer ben had or made.

Prouided alwayes, and be it declared and enacted by the auctho-ritie aforesayde, that concealement or keeping secrete of any hygh treasons, be deemed and taken onely misprysion of treason, and the offendours therin to forfeyte & suffer, as in cases of misprision of treason hath heretofore ben vsed: any thyng aboue mentioned to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that if it shal fortune hereafter any of the peeres of this Realme, to be indited of anye the offences made treason, or misprision of treason by this acte, that then the same peeres or peere so beyng indited, shal be put to answeare to euery suche inditement before the hygh Stewarde of Englande for the tyme beyng, and to haue his and their trial of al his and their peeres, and to receyue and haue suche lyke iudgement vpon the same trial of his or their peeres, or make open confession of the same offence or offences, as is vsed in other cases of hygh treason.

And be it further enacted by the auctho-ritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, shal in any wyse be impeached for any of the offences abouesayde committed, only by open preachyng or wordes, vnlesse the offendour or offendours be thereof indited within sixe monethes next after the same open preaching or wordes: anye thyng mentioned in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that the counsaylours, procurers, comforters, and abbettours mentioned in this acte, for his or their fyrste offence, shal suffer lyke punyshment, penaltie, and forfeyture, as is conteyned in this acte agaynst the principal offendours for their fyrste offence, and none other: and that the counsaylers, procurers, comforters, & abbettours, for his or their second offence, shal suffeyne lyke punyshment, penaltie, & forfeyture, as is conteyned in this acte, agaynst the principal offendor or offendors, for their seconde offence, & none other.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted by the auctho-ritie aforesayd, that no person or persons, shalbe hereafter indited or arraigned for any offence or offences made treason, or misprysion of treason, by this acte, vnlesse the same offence & offences of treason & misprision of treason aforesayd, be proued by the testimonie, depolition, & oth of two lawful and sufficient witnesses, at the tyme of his & their inditement, which sayd witnesses also at the time of ꝑ arraignement of the partie so indited (yf they be then lyuing) shalbe brought forth in person before the partie so arraigned face to face, and there shal auowe and openlye declare al they can say against the sayde partie so indited, vnlesse the sayd partie so indited, shal wyllyngly without violence confesse the same.

¶ *An acte for the explanation of the statute of seditious woordes and rumours.*

The vj. Chapter.

Where in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xxi. day of Nouember in the first and seconde yeres of the raignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie (sister vnto our Soueraigne Lady the queenes highnes that nowe is) & there continued & kept, vntyl the xvii. day of Januarie then next ensuing, there was one act or statute then & there made, intituled, An acte against seditious woords & rumours, which act was then made to endure to thend of the next parliament: & after in the next parliament holden at Westminster the xxi. day of October, in the second & third yeres of the raignes of the said late kyng and queene, & there continued vntyl the xx. day of October then next folowyng, the sayde statute was then further continued vntyl the last day of the next Parliament: and after in one other Parliament holden at Westminster the xx. day of Januarie, in the fourth and fifth yeres of the raignes of the sayde late kyng and queene, and there continued vntyl the vii. day of Marche then next folowing, the sayd act and statute was then and there further continued, reuiued, and enacted, to stande and be in full force and strength, vnto the last daye of the next Parliament: in whiche acte (amongst other thynges) certayne punishment is prouided for such persons as shoulde malitiously vtter or speake anye false, seditious, and slaunderous newes, rumours, or tales of the sayde late kyng and queene, as by the same acte and statute more at large it doeth and may appeare.

And for asmuche as the sayde acte and statute sithen the makyng thereof hath ben proued to be a very good and necessarie lawe, for due correction and punyshment of suche lyght and euyl disposed persons, as most seditiously dyd spreade abroade verye false and slaunderous rumours and tales, to the great disturbaunce of the common tranquilitie of this Realme: and for that it is doubtful whether the sayde statute, and the woordes and sentences of the same, extende any further, then onelye to the sayde late kyng and Queene, and whether the same statute geue any remedie agaynst suche persons as shall malitiously vtter or speake any false, seditious, and slaunderous rumours, newes, or tales, agaynst our Soueraigne Lady the queenes highnesse that nowe is, or not. For remedie whereof, and for a playne declaration and explanation of the sayde former acte: be it therefore declared, ordeyned, & enacted by thauctoritie of this present parliament, that the sayde act and statute made in the sayd fyrst and second yeeres of the raignes

Traignes of the sayde late kyng and Queene, and continued as is afore-sayde, and al and euery braunche, article, wordes, sentences, clauses, prouisions, and thynges therein conteyned, shal from henceforth by thauctoritie of this present parliament, be expounded, iudged, taken and deemed in al thynges, to extende to the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, as fully and largely, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as though the same acte had by expresse wordes extended to the heyres & successours of the said late Queene: any question, ambiguitie, or doubt, growen, risen, or made, or hereafter happenyng to growe, ryse, or to be moued to the contrary in anye thyng, notwithstandyng. And that al and euery person and persons, which hereafter shal maliciously vtter or speake anye false, seditious, or slaunderous newes, rumours, sayinges, or tales, of the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, or of the heyres of her bodye, beyng kynges or queenes of this Realme, or shal commit or do any the offences expressed in the sayd act, against our sayde Soueraigne Ladye the Queene that nowe is, or the heyres of her bodye, beyng kynges or Queenes of this Realme, & being thereof conuicted or attaynted according to the fourme and order in the sayde former act expressed, shal from henceforth incurre suche paynes & penalties, and haue suche and the same trial, iudgement, and punyshment for the same offences, as in the sayde acte is limited and appoynted, and according to the fourme, tenour, and effect of the same acte, and none otherwyse.

¶ *An acte to reuiue a statute made in the.xxiij. yeere of the* raigne of kyng Henry the.viij. touchyng the conueying of Horses, Geldinges, and Mares into Scotlande.

The.vij. Chapter.

Where in the Parliament holden at London the thirde day of Nouember, in the.xxi. yere of the raigne of the late kyng of most worthie memorie kyng Henrye the eyght, and from thence adiourned and prorogued to Westminster, and there continued by diuers prorogations, vntyl the.xb. day of Januarye in the.xxiii. yere of the raigne of the sayde late kyng, amongst other thynges there was one acte or statute made, whereby the sellyng, exchaungyng, or deliuerie of any horses, geldinges, or mares into Scotlande, by anye Englishe man, shoulde be felonie, whiche act or statute is intituled, An act that no Englishe man shoulde sel, exchaunge, or deliuer, to be conueyed into Scotlande, any horse, geldyng, or mare, without the kynges licence, as by the same act and statute more at large it doth and maye appeare. And although the same estatute was a very good and necessarye lawe for the maintenaunce of the strength of this Realme, and for

the due preseruation of the state of the same, yet the sayd statute by certayne actes of repeale made, aswel in the time of the late kyng Edward the sixt, as also in the tyme of ỹ late queene Marie, was by certayne generall wordes repealed and made voyde, by reason whereof, dyuers wycked and euyl disposed persons, haue of late time for their owne priuate gayne, conueyed dyuers horses, geldynges, and mares out of this realme into Scotland, to the great strength and boldening of the Scottish, and much to the detriment and hinderaunce of this realme.

Wherefore be it enacted by the Queenes moste excellent Maiestie, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons of this present parliament assembled, and by thauctoritie of the same, that the sayde acte & statute made in the sayde .xxiii. yere of the raigne of the said late kyng Henry the eight, and al and euery braunch, sentences, articles, wordes, matters, and clauses therin conteyned, shal from the fyrst day of May next commyng, stande, remayne, and continue in ful force and strength, to al intentes and purposes, as fullye and as wholly as euer the same was at any tyme heretofore: any act or statute of repeale, or anye other matter or cause whatsoeuer to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

¶ *An acte touchyng Shoemakers and Currioures.*

The .viij. Chapter.

Here at a parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogation the .xv. day of April, in the sixt yeere of the raigne of our late soueraigne lorde kyng Edwarde the sixt, brother to the Queenes Maiestie, it was enacted amongst other thynges, agaynst regratours of tanned Leather, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition so euer he or they be, shal buye, ingrosse, or cause to be bought or ingrossed, any kynd of tanned Leather, to the intent to sell the same agayne, sauyng only Sadlers, Gyrdlers, Cordewayners, and al other artificers, whiche shal make thereof any kynde of wares to be sold, as by the same act more playnely at large may appeare: which act was in the Parliament holden at Westminster the second day of April, in the first yere of the raigne of our late soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, repealed, made voyde, and of none effect: and one other acte was then made, entituled: Touchyng the buying and currying of Leather, the repealyng of whiche acte, as experience hath sithence taught vs, hath brought shoes, bootes, males, saddles, and all other kynde of wares made of tanned Leather, to great & vnreasonable prices, to the vndoyng of a great number of the Queenes Maiesties pore subiectes.

For reformation wherof, be it ordeyned, enacted, & established, by the Queenes Maiestie, the lordes spiritual and temporal, and the commons

mons of this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that the foreſayde ſtatute made in the firſt yeere of the raigne of the ſayde late kyng Edwarde the firſt, and entituled, Againſt all regratours of tanned leather, and euery article, braunche, ſentence, and clauſe therein conteyned, ſhalbe reuyued, and ſtande in effect from the fyrſt day of Aprył nert commyng, in as full force, ſtrength, and effect, as though the foreſayde acte made the ſeconde day of Aprył, in the fyrſt yeere of Queene Maries raigne, touchyng the buying and currying of Leather, whereby the ſayde former acte is repealed, had neuer ben had or made.

And be it alſo enacted by thaucthoritie aforeſayde, that the ſayde ſtatute and acte made in the fyrſt yere of Queene Maries raigne, ſiſter to the Queenes Maieſtie, entituled, An acte touchyng the buying and currying of Leather, and euery braunche, ſentence, and article therein conteyned, ſhall, from the ſayde fyrſt day of Aprył, not ſtande, but be vtterly repealed, and be of no force nor ſtrength: any clauſe, ſentence, or article therein conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that when and as often as any Shoomaker, or his deputie, doth bryng any Leather ſufficiently tanned, to any Curriour to be curryed (deliuerynge ſufficient liquor for wel dreſſyng of the ſame) the ſame ſhalbe by euery ſuche Curryour well and ſufficiently curryed and made redye for the Shoomaker, within the ſpace of fyue dayes in ſommer, that is to ſay: from the fyrſt day of Marche to the laſt day of September. And alſo in like maner within the ſpace of tenne dayes in winter, that is to ſay, from the fyrſt day of October, vnto the laſt day of Februarie, vppon payne to forfeyte to the partie greeued, for euery hyde not curryed and dreſſed in maner and fourme aforeſayd, the ſumme of .x.s.

Prouided further, that this prouiſo ſhal not extend to bind any Curriour to dreſſe any leather, which by doyng his beſt, is not able to dreſſe within euery of the times aforeſayd, but ſhal extend to al ſuch Leather as he conueniently may dreſſe, after the common rate of the dreſſyng.

And be it alſo enacted by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that no perſon or perſons, vſyng or occupyng the feate and myſtery of Shoomakers, ſhal from henceforth worke or make any bootes or ſhooes of Neates Leather, that ſhalbe myngled, made, or wrought with any other Leather, but only Neates Leather of it ſelfe, vnleſſe it be in the hemmes or linyng of bootes, ſhooes, or ſlippers, and that they ſhall put in all and euery bootes, ſhooes, or ſlippers, made of Neates Leather, inneſoles made of wombes, which ſhalbe well & truely tanned and curryed, and alſo all ſuche other bootes, ſhooes, and ſlippers, as ſhalbe made of dyre Neates Leather, or Calues Leather, not to be

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myngled with any other kinde of Leather (sauing in the soles) but only of it selfe, vnlesse it be in hemmes or lynynges of the same: that is to say, Neates Leather of it selfe, & Calues Leather of it selfe, vpon payne of forfeyture of al such bootes, shooes, & slippers made so to ẏ contrary.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the one moytie of all suche forfeytures afore named, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her hyghnesse heyres: and the other moytie to hym or them that sease or fyrst sue for the same penalties in any the Queenes Maiesties courtes of recorde, by action of debt, byll, complaynt, information, or otherwyse, wherein no wager of lawe, essoygne, protection, or iniunction, shalbe admitted or alowed for the defendaunt in that behalfe.

An acte touchyng Tanners and the sellyng of tanned Leather.

The.ix. Chapter.

FOR sundry good causes and consyderations, be it enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no person or persons, hauing landes, tenements, or rentes of estate of inheritance, or for tearme of lyfe, to the cleare yerely value of.x.li. or aboue, except suche person and persons as haue any Tanhouse, and dooth occupie the mysterie of tannyng at this present, and except an apprentice and other brought vp and taught, or to be brought vp and taught as a couenaunt seruaunt, or hyred for that purpose by the space of foure yeeres in the mysterie or crafte of tannyng of Leather, shal vse or haue profite, gayne or commoditie, of or by the sayde mysterie or crafte of tannyng of Leather, after the feast of. S. Michael tharchangell next commyng, vpon payne of forfeytyng of all suche Leather so to be tanned, or the iust value thereof.

Also be it further enacted, that from and after the feaste of Saint Michael tharchangel, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde GOD M.D.lx. no person or persons shall vse or exercise the feate, crafte, or mysterie of tannyng of Leather, or shall by any meanes receyue any profite, gayne, or lucre by tannyng of Leather, but only in a Citie, Borough, Towne corporate, or market towne, where sellers shalbe vsually appointed, except he or they haue ben apprentice exercised & brought vp, as is aforesayde, in the sayde craft and mysterie, by the space of foure yeres at the least, and also excepted the sonne or heyre & wyfe of euery such Tanner, to their owne vse and vses, vppon payne of forfeyture of all the Leather so tanned contrary to this acte, or the value thereof.

And be it also further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no manner of person or personnes whatsoeuer, shall after the fyrst day of

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May next commyng, buye, bargayne, bespeake, or take promyse of bargayne of or for any rawe Hyde, or Calues skinne, but of or for suche and the same, as shalbe present in fayre or market then to be solde, neither shall put or cause to be put to sale any kynde of tanned Leather, read, & vnwrought in any place within this Realme, other then in open market or fayre, in the place therefore commonly accustomed, and therefore prepared, vppon payne of forfeyture for euery hyde, iii. s. iiii. d. for euery dosen of Calues skynnes iii. s. iiii. d. and the Hyde or Hides & Leather in any otherwyse sold or bought, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no person whatsoeuer, shall or may after the feast of S. Michael tharchangel next commyng, buye, bargayne, bespeake, or take promyse of bargayne, of or for any tanned Leather vnwrought as is aforesayde, but only suche person or persons as haue ben, be, or shalbe brought vpon cuttyng of Leather into made wares, and doo wyll and shall woorke and conuert the same into Leather, cut into made wares, wrought, vppon payne of forfeyture of the Leather so bought, bargayned, or bespoke, or the value thereof. And where as at a Parliament holden at Westminster vpon prorogation, the seconde and thirde yeeres of the raigne of kyng Edward the sixt, brother to the Queenes hyghnesse, amongst other thynges in an acte, entituled, An acte for true currying of Leather, vppon diuers good consyderations, it was enacted that euery Tanner shall cut of euery wombe of euery Oxe hyde, sixe inches broade, and of euery Steere hyde fyue inches broade; and of euery Cowe hyde eyght inches broade of assise in the narrowe place, as by the sayde acte more at large appeareth. Sythens whiche tyme the greedie and vnsatiable couetousnesse of many of the Tanners haue ben suche, to defraude the sayde good and godly acte, that they wyll not cut of the wombes of the Hydes, nor bryng them to the market to be solde, so that the Cordwayners can not haue wombes, to put into the inner soles of bootes, shooes, sterttoppes, and slippers, accordyng to the tenour of the sayde statute in that case prouided: be it therefore enacted by the Queenes royall Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by thaucthoritie of the same, that all and euery person and persons, that dooth occupie, or shall hereafter occupie the tanning or barkyng of any Oxe, Steere, or Cowe hide or hydes, to be conuerted for sole Leather, for or in ye name of sole Leather, now commonly called backes, shall cut or cause to be cut of euery suche Oxe, Steere, or Cowe hide or hides, that shalbe tanned or wrought for sole Leather, commonly called backes, two peeces, whiche is nowe called wombes, of euery suche hyde or backe that shalbe wrought, barckte, or tanned for backes, vpon payne of forfeytyng of euery such hide or hydes, backe

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or backes so tanned or wrought, the wombes beyng not cut of .vi.s. viii.d. for euery hyde.

And be it also further enacted by the auctho*r*itie of this p*re*sent parliament, that euery Tanner or tanners or any other person or persons that occupieth, or hereafter shall occupie the mysterie of tannyng of Leather, and that shall cut of, or cause to be cut of those two peeces aboue named, called wombes, shall begyn vpon ye two hinder thankes of euery suche hyde, and there cut two peeces, and so cut throughout alongest the belly to the fore thankes, and there to cut of both the fore thankes, and those two peeces so called wombes, to be well and truely tanned, after the maner of inner sole leather, and to conteyne of good and dyre tanned leather, fiue inches broade of assise in the narrowest place, according to the syse of the standerd in the Exchequer, when they be tanned or put to sale, or offered to be solde, promised, or bargayne made, vppon payne of forfeyture of iii.s. iiii.d. for euerye wombe beyng cut lesse then so many inches broade of assise in the narrowest place, as aboue sayde.

And be it further enacted, that euery Tanner or other person that occupyeth, or hereafter shall occupie the mysterie of Tannyng of Leather, whiche after the feast of the byrth of our Lorde Jesus Christ next commyng, shall put to sale, or offer to be solde in any fayre or markets, any backe or backes, shall beyng at the selfe same tyme to the fayre or markettes, where he or they shal put suche backe or backes to sale, for euery backe, the two forenamed peeces called wombes, there to be solde with the backes, or otherwyse as the fayre or market shall hym best serue, so that they be solde in the open market, vppon payne of forfeyture of euery suche backe or backes so brought to be solde, or offered to be solde, or the value thereof, not hauyng the wombes there in, the open markets or fayre as is aboue sayde.

Be it further enacted by thauctho*r*itie aforesayde, that no person or persons shall after the first day of May next comyng, sell, or cause to be solde any maner of Leather (clout leather solde in small peeces only excepted) except he or they regester, or cause to be regestred the sayde Leather, and euery part and parcel thereof, vppon payne of forfeyture of the value of the leather so bought and not regestred, and also the buyer to forfayte the sayde Leather so bought and not regestred, as is aforesayde.

And be it further enacted, that suche person or persons as are, or hereafter shalbe alligned or appoynted searchers, sealer or sealers of tanned Leather, by vertue of any acte or statute heretofore, or hereafter to be made, shall keepe one booke or regester, to enter all suche bargaynes as shalbe made for leather, hydes, or skinnes (clout leather solde in small peeces onely excepted) by any person or persons, duryng

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and by al the tyme of the fayre or market, and shall enter all such bargaynes, beyng thereunto required by the buyer or the seller, takyng for his or theyr payne and trauayle therein to be taken: and for the registring thereof, of the seller of euery dicker of Leather so entred, one penie, for euery fyre dosen of Calues skinnes, one penie, and so after the rate, and no more or greater summe or summes of money to be payde for entryng of the same, vppon payne of forfeyture, for not enteryng and registring as is aforesayde, for euery dicker of Leather. iii. s iiii. d. for euery dosen of Calues skinnes. iii. s. iiii. d. & so after the rate. And where also one other acte, entituled, An acte for true tannyng of Leather, was made at a Parliament of the sayde kyng Edwarde, holden vpon prorogation at Westminster, the fourth day of Nouember, in the seconde yeere of his moste gratious raigne, whiche acte was made to endure vnto the ende of the next Parliament then folowyng, and after the same acte was reuiued at one other Parliament holden at Westminster the fyrst day of Marche, in the. bii. yeere of the raigne of the same kyng Edwarde the first, to continue tyll the last day of the next Parliament then folowyng: and after the same acte was continued in the second and last session of our Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, holden vppon prorogation at Westminster the thirtienth day of October, in the fyrst yere of her graces raigne, to continue tyll the last day of the next Parliament then folowyng, whiche beyng expyred, and the same acte neuer since continued, his force and efficacie is ended. And for as muche as the sayde acte is good and beneficiall for the common wealth of this Realme: be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and established by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, with the assent of the lordes spiritual and temporal, & the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of ỹ same, that the sayd acte made in the seconde yeere of the sayd kyng Edwarde the first, and al woordes, clauses, articles, and prouisions in the same, (except these woordes, Alhe barke, Tapwort, Meale, or Culuer dong) shalbe reuiued, continued, stand, and endure in his full force & strength, to al intentes, constructions, & purposes, and that no Tanner in or about the tanning of any Leather, shal vse or exercise any other kind of stuffe, but only Alhe barke, Oke barke, Tapwort, Meal, Lime, or Culuer dong.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that thone moytie of all suche forfeytures afore named, shalbe to our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and her hyghnesse heyres, or successours, and thother moitie to hym or them that sease or fyrst sue for the same penalties in any of the Queenes Maiesties courtes of recorde, by action of debt, byl, complaynt, information, or otherwyse, wherein no wager of lawe, essoigne, protection, or iniunction, shalbe admitted or alowed for the defendaunt in that behalfe.

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An acte that the carying of Leather, Tallowe, or rawe Hydes out of the Realme for marchaundise, shalbe felonie.

The.x. Chapter.

WHERE at this present tyme tanned Leather, Hydes, & Tallowe, and al thynges thereof made, is growen and come vnto such high and excessiue price, as the like within the time of mans memorie hath not benne seene within this Realme, by reason that diuers & sundry couetous and greedy persons nowe of late, hauyng more regarde vnto their owne singuler lucres and gaynes, then vnto the mayntenaunce and preseruation of the common and publique weale of this the Realme of England, haue contrary to the lawes and statutes of this Realme, conueyed, or caused to be conueyed out of the same, vnto the parties beyonde the Seas, there to be vttered by way of marchaundise, suche great store and plentie thereof, that the same Leather, Hydes, and Tallowe, is more plentifull, and to be had better cheape there, then here within this Realme, to the great hurt, hinderaunce, and dammage of al the Queenes moste louyng subiectes.

For reformation whereof, be it enacted by the Queene our Soueraigne Lady, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the Commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the aucthoritie of the same, that no person or personnes, whatsoeuer he or they be, straunger or Denizen, from and after the fyrst day of June next comyng, shall shippe, conuey, or abbet, procure, or cause to be shypped or conueyed, in, or to any Shippe, Boate, or other vessell, in, or vppon the Sea, or in, or vpon other Hauen, Riuer, Creke, or place within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, or other the Queenes Dominions, any manner of Leather tanned or vntanned, or any salt or vntanned Hydes, or any Leather called Backes, or sole Leather, or any Tallowe, to thintent to transport or cary the same into any the parties beyonde the Seas, there to be vttered, bartered, or solde by way of marchaundise, vppon payne that euery suche offendour, shalbe deemed, adiudged, and taken to be a fellone for euery suche offence. And that euery person and persons, beyng after the sayde fyrst day of June lawfully attaynted, by the due order of the common lawe of this Realme, before suche as shall haue power and aucthoritie to heare and determine felonies by the common lawe, shall for euery suche offence suffer suche paynes of death, & forfeytures of goodes and cattels, as he or they shoulde haue donne, yf he or they had ben lawefully attaynted for any offence beyng felonye by the common lawe of this Realme:

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And also shal forfeyte to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres, and successours, al his or theyr landes, tenements, & hereditamentes, duryng the lyfe of euery suche offendour onely. And for the better execution of this lawe, and for the meetyng with the offendours therein: Be it also enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that al and euerye offence or offences, committed or done by any person or persons, contrarye to this acte, from and after the sayde firste day of June next commyng, shalbe enquyred of, tryed, determined, and iudged in suche Countie of this Realme, or other the Queenes dominions, as shalbe next adioyning to the place where anye suche offence shalbe firste committed: any iurisdiction, aucthoritie, or vsage to the contrary, in any wyse notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shal in any wyse extende or be interpretated to make anye corruption of blood of anye suche offendour, or of any heyre of any suche offendour, but that euery heyre and heyres, of euery suche offendour and offendours, in any of the cases aforesayde, & also the wyfe of euery suche offendour, shal haue after the death of euery suche offendour or offendours, lyke title, interest, benefite, profite, commoditie, action, and aduauntage, as they or any of them shoulde haue had, if any suche offence, conuiction, or attaynder had not ben had ne made: sauyng to al & euery person and persons, bodyes politique and corporate, their heyres and successours, and the heyres and successours of euery of them, other then all and euery suche offendour and offendours, whiche shalbe conuicted or attaynted by any suche offence, al suche ryght, tytle, interest, rentes, leases, commons, profites, commodities, aduauntages, and hereditamentes, whatsoeuer they be, as they or any of them might or ought to haue had, in, or to any manours, landes, tenementes, rentes, pentions, seruices, hereditamentes, or other thynges whatsoeuer, or in, or to any parte or parcel thereof, to al intentes, constructions, and purposes, as he or they shoulde haue had, yf suche attaynder hadde neuer ben had ne made: any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this act, or any thyng therin conteyned, shal not be hurtful nor preiudicial to anye Captayne of anye Shippe in the tyme of warre, beyng in the retinue and seruice of the Queenes Maiestie, or her heyres, or successours, nor to anye owner or maister of any Shippe, nor to anye other beyng the Queenes subiect, and trauayling to any forraigne partes beyonde the sea, for the hauyng, carrying, and takyng with hym or them, in tyme alwel of warre as of peace, of any Hydes, Leather, or Tallowe, for theyr necessarye vses about theyr shyp or shippes, so that it be not to be vttered beyonde the

ſeas, by any fraude or couin, by way of marchaundiſe: this act or anye thyng therin conteyned to the contrary in any wiſe, notwithſtanding.

And be it further enacted by the auctho̅itie aforeſayd, that this act, or the effect and ſubſtaunce thereof, ſhalbe openly read, publiſhed, or declared, at euery quarter Seſſions, and at euery Lete or Lawday, by the Juſtices that ſhal geue the charge at the Seſſions, and by the Steward of the Lete or Lawday, in his charge when he keepeth the Lete or Lawday. This act to endure from the ſayde fyrſt day of June, and to continue the ſpace of fiue yeeres: and from thence vnto the ende of the next Parliament, after the ſayde fiue yeres.

¶ *An acte limiting the tymes for laying on lande Marchaundize from beyonde the ſeas, and touchyng Cuſtomes for ſweete wynes.*

The.xj. Chapter.

MOſte humbiye ſhewyng, beſeechen your hyghneſſe, your Lordes, and commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, that where the ſummes of money, payde in the names of Cuſtomes, Subſidies, of wares and marchaundizes, tranſported out, and brought into this your hyghneſſe Realme of Englande, by any marchaunt ſtraunger, or denizen, is an auncient reuenue annexed and vnited to your imperial crowne, and hath in the tyme of kyng Edwarde the thirde, and other your moſt noble progenitours, amounted to great and notable ſummes of money, tyl of late yeeres many greedye and couetous perſons, reſpectyng more theyr priuate gayne and commoditie, then theyr duetie and allegiaunce, or the common profite of the Realme, haue and doo daylye aſwel by conueying the ſame theyr wares and marchaundizes out of creekes and places where no cuſtomer is reſident, as alſo by or throughe the negligence or corruption of the cuſtomer, ſearcher, or other officer, where they be reſident, as by diuers other fraudulent, vndue, and ſubtil practiſes and deuiſes, conuey theyr goodes and marchaundizes, aſwel brought from the parties beyonde the ſea, as tranſported out of this your Realme of Englande, without payment, or agreeing for the payment of the Cuſtomes and Subſidies therefore due: whereby the yeerelye reuenue aforeſayde, is verye muche empayred and diminiſhed, to the great loſſe and damage of your highneſſe, and to the great burden and charge of your louing ſubiectes, who by occaſion thereof haue of late yeres ben more charged with ſubſidies, and payment for the ſupplement of the ſayde loſſe and damage, then els we ſhoulde haue ben.

That

That it maye therefore be enacted by aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that it shal not be lawfull to or for any person or persons whatsoeuer, from and after the fyrste daye of September next commyng, to lade, or put, or cause to be laden, or put, of, or from anye Wharfe, Key, or other place on the lande, into any shyp, vessel, Crayer, Lyghter, or Bottome, any goodes, wares, or marchaundizes whatsoeuer, (fyshe taken by your hyghnesse subiectes, onelye excepted) to be transported into any place of the parties beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, or to take vp, discharge and lay on lande, or cause, or procure to be taken vp, or discharged out of any Lighter, shyppe, Crayer, vessel, or Bottome, beyng not in a leke, or wracke, and layde on lande, anye goodes, wares, or marchaundizes whatsoeuer (fishe taken by anye your hyghnesse subiectes, and salt onelye excepted) to be brought from anye the parties beyonde the sea, or the Realme of Scotlande, by way of marchaundizes, but onely in the day light, that is to say, from the first of March, vntyl the last of September, betwixt the sunne rysing, and the sunne settyng, and from the last of September, vntyl the first of Marche, betweene the houres of seuen in the mornyng, and foure at the after noone, and in, and vpon some suche open place, Keye, or Wharfe, places, Keyes, or Wharfes, as your hyghnesse, your heyres, or successours, shal on this side the sayd first daye of September therefore assigne and appoynt by vertue of your hyghnesse commission or commissions, within your graces porte of London, Southampton, Bristowe, Westchester, Newcastel, and the suburbes of the same, and euery of them, and in some open place, Key, Wharfe, places, Keyes, or Wharfes, in al other Portes, Creekes, Hauens, or Rodes, (Hul only excepted) where a Customer, Comptroller, and searcher, of suche Portes, Hauens, Creekes, or Rodes, & euery of them, or the seruauntes of any of them, haue by the space of ten yeres last past ben accustomably resident, or hereafter shalbe resident, vpon payne of forfayture of al suche goodes, wares, or marchaundizes so laden and discharged contrary to the true meanyng of this act, or the value thereof.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons, after the sayd day, shal receyue or take into any shyp, Crayer, or other vessel, any goodes, wares, or marchaundizes (except before excepted) to be transported into anye place beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, by waye of marchaundize, nor shal discharge and laye on lande, out of any shyppe, Crayer, or other vessel, anye goodes, wares, or marchaundize (except before excepted) beyng brought from anye place beyonde the sea, or out of the Realme of Scotlande, by waye of marchaundize, in any other place or places, or at anye other houres or tymes,

then is before limited and appoynted, vpon payne that the owner and owners, maister and maisters, or other person or persons, whiche shal take charge or guyding of any suche shyppe, Crayer, or vessel, or of the marchauntes goodes, duryng and for that voyage, shal forfaite & lose for euery suche offence. C. pounde, of lawful money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that no maister Shypper, or Purser, or other person or persons takyng charge of the voyage, or of the marchauntes goodes, shal after the sayde daye receyue or take into any Shippe, Crayer, or other vessel, anye goodes, wares, or marchaundize (except before excepted) to be caryed or transported into anye of the partes beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, before he shal haue signified to the Customer of the porte where he ladeth, & other officers there, in the open custome house, if any such be there, or els where, the said officers, their deputies or seruantes, or any of them, be or shalbe vsually resident, that he entendeth to lade, and to what place he entendeth to passe, nor shal after his or their ful ladyng depart out of the Porte, Creeke, or streame, where he shall so lade, before he doo in like maner signifie vnto the Customer, and other officers as is aforesayde, of his lading, and what marchaunts and other persons shal haue lading with him, or in his ship, crayer, vessel, or botome: and further truely do answeare to suche questions as shalbe ministred to hym or them, by the customer or other officer, concernyng suche wares and marchaundizes as he shal haue laden, being examined vpon his or their oth, or otherwise in the open custome house, or otherwyse, as is aforesayde, vpon payne to forfayte for euery such default, not truelye aduertisyng nor answearyng, as is aforesayde, a hundred pounde.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that no owner, maister, purser, or other person, takyng charge of any shippe, crayer, vessel, or botome, wherein any goodes, wares, or marchaundizes (except before excepted) shalbe laden and brought, from any the parties beyonde the sea, or the Realme of Scotlande, shall, after the sayde day, discharge into any lighter, or botome, and laye on lande, or procure, cause, or wyllyngly suffer to be discharged into any lyghter or botome, and to be layde on lande, out of suche ship, crayer, vessel, or botome, any goodes, wares, or marchaundize whatsoeuer, before suche owner, maister, purser, or other person or persons, takyng charge of the shippe, crayer, botome, or vessel, or the marchauntes goodes, for that voyage, shal haue signified and declared to the customer, or other officer of the porte, hauen or creeke, where he arriueth, the names of euery of the marchauntes, or laders, and shal haue truely answeared to suche questions and interrogatories, touching or concernyng suche goodes, wares, or marchaundize, as shalbe then laden in anye suche

shippe, bellell, or botome, as shalbe to hym ministred by such customer or other officer, openly in the custome house, or in suche other places as is aforesayde, vpon his or their othe, if neede so requyre, vpon payne that euery maister, purser, or other person or persons, takyng charge of such shippe, crayer, or other bellell, for that voyage, shall forfayte and loose for euery suche default, not truely aduertisyng nor answering as is aforesayde, an hundreth pounde.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that from and after the sayde day, no person, denizen nor straunger, do take vpon hym to enter, or doo, or cause to be entred into the bookes of any customer, or other officer or officers of anye porte or hauen within this Realme, or his or their deputie or deputies, seruaunt or seruauntes, any maner goodes, wares, or marchaundize whatsoeuer, commyng or broughte into your highnesse Realme, from anye the partes beyonde the sea, or from the Realme of Scotland, or goyng, or to be transported out of the same your highnesse Realme, into anye the partes beyonde the sea, or into the Realme of Scotlande, in the name or names of any other person or persons, then the very true owner or owners of the same goodes, wares, or marchaundizes, beyng not solde, bargayned, or contracted for, to or with any person or persons, before suche entre, or before the arrival of suche goodes, wares, or marchaundize, in the partes beyonde the sea, vpon payne of forfayture of the value of the goodes so entred.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that if anye wharfinger, crane keeper, searcher, lyghter man, weighter, or other officer, partenyng to the subsidie, custome, or custome house, doo at any time after the sayde day, consent or knowe anye offence or thyng to be committed or done contrary to the true meanyng of this acte, or any article therein conteyned, and doo not within one moneth next after knowledge thereof hadde, disclose the same to the cheefe customer or other officer of the porte, where or within whose office or charge any such offence shalbe committed or done, or els to the Lord Treasourer, Chauncelour, vnder Treasourer, or one of the Barons of the Exchequer: or the attourney generall for the tyme beyng, shal for euery suche concealement, or not disclosing suche offence, as is aforesayd, forfayte & lose a hundred pound of good and lawful money of Englande.

And be it further enacted by the auctheritie aforesayde, that the customer of Hull shal haue a seruaunt or deputie continually resident at the citie of Yorke; and euery other customer, comptroller, and searcher of euery porte, shal from and after the daye aforesayde assigned and appoynted to and in euery of the places aboue mentioned, and in all and euery porte, creeke, or Roade, where the seruaunt, or any of them haue ben continually resident by the space of tenne yeeres,

or hereafter shalbe, as is aforesayde, one able and sufficient deputie, or seruaunt, at the least, and that aswel all and euerye of the customers, comptrollers, and searchers, as al and euerye his or theyr deputie and deputies, seruaunt and seruauntes, shal from tyme to tyme, do his and their diligent attendaunce, at the houres, tymes, and places afore appoynted, aswel in the custome house, as els where, as it shalbe most expedient and conuenient, for the speedy dispatche of the marchaunt, and his goodes, wares, and marchaundize, and for the due execution of this acte, in suche thynges as to hym or them shal appartayne, without concealement or consenting to anye thyng or thinges whiche may be to the hurt or damage of your hyghnesse, your heyres or successours, in the iust answeryng of your hyghnesse due customes and subsidies, vppon payne that euery suche customer, comptroller, and searcher, shal forfayte and lose for euery offence by hym or them committed or done, his or theyr seueral office or offices, and an hundred pounde of lawful money of Englande: the moitie of al whiche forfayture shalbe to your hyghnesse, your heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to hym or them that wyll sue for the same, in any your highnesse courtes, wherein no essoigne, protection, wager of lawe, or iniunction shalbe admited and alowed.

And where of late yeres there hath benne muche greater quantitie of sweete wines brought into this Realme, then in tyme past hath ben accustomed, whiche ben also brought from the same place where the wine commonlye called Malueseye is brought, and is of the same nature of grape, and neuertheless, eyther by negligence, ignoraunce, or corruption of the officers, there hath not benne suche custome and Subsidie receyued for the same, to the vse of your hyghnesse, and your progenitours, as is due, and ought of very ryght to be payde, for such sweete wines, commyng through the strayghtes, commonlye called the strayghtes of Marroche, otherwyse Mallegaye, to the great losse and hynderaunce of your hyghnesse, and the burden of vs your louing subiectes.

For the auoyding of al ambiguities and doubtes, and to the intent the officers may more certaynely knowe what they ought to receyue for suche kynde and nature of marchaundize: be it enacted and declared by this present acte, and by the auctoritie aforesayde, that lyke custome and subsidie is of very ryght to be payde, and shal from henceforth be payde, for suche sweete wynes as is aforesayde, as is and hath benne accustomed to be payde for Malueseys: anye negligence, none payment, vsage, or custome to the contrary in anye wyse, notwithstanding. Sauyng to al and euery Lorde Marcher, and other person and persons whatsoeuer, body politique and corporate, all and euery suche ryght, title, and interest, as they or any of them haue, and

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of ryght ought to haue, in the payment or hauyng of any fraunchise, libertie, custome, and subsidie, or any of them: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted, that it shalbe lawfull to shyp, lade, and transport into the portes beyonde the seas, all manner of corne and grayne, out of the Counties of Northfolke and Suffolke, and eyther of them, at suche places as heretofore hath ben accustomed, and betweene the houres in this acte appointed, when the same corne and grayne shall not exceede the seuerall prises mentioned in the statute made in the fyfth and sixth yeere of our late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Edwarde the sixt, entituled, An act agaynst regrators, forestallers, and engrossers, the customes and subsidies thereof due, beyng well and truely payde: any thyng in this acte, or any other acte or statute to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, be not preiudiciall or hurtfull to the Isle of Anglesey, the shyres of Carnaruon, and Flint, in Northwales: but that the inhabitauntes thereof, and euery of them, may receyue, lade, and discharge, accordyng to theyr olde auncient vses, customes, or liberties, graunted to them, or any of their predecessors, by the late kyng of famous memory kyng henry the eyght, or any other his progenitors: so that they, and euery of them, pay the customes and subsidies that shalbe due, and discharge and lode within the tymes and houres before mentioned: any thyng in this present acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

An acte agaynst the deceiptfull vsyng of lynnen Cloth.

The. xii. Chapter.

WHere certayne euyll disposed and deceiptfull persons, vsyng to bye and ingrosse into their handes great store of linnen cloth, doo vse to cast the peeces of cloth ouer a beame or peece of tymber, made for theyr purpose, and doo by sundry deuises rache, stretche, and drawe the same both of length and breadth, and that done, doo then with batteldores, peeces of timber and wood, and other thinges, sore beate the same, euer casting therupon certayne deceiptfull liquors, mingled with chalke, and other lyke thinges, wherby the sayd cloth is not onely made to seeme muche finer & thicker to the eye then it is in deede, but also the thredes thereof be so losed and made weake, that after .iii. or .iiii. washinges, it wyll scarcely holde togeather, to the great disceipt, hinderaunce, and losse of the subiectes of this Realme: be it therefore enacted by the aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that

that yf any person or persons, shall hereafter wyllyngly vse, or cause to be vsed the aforesayde deceytes, or any other acte or actes, meane or meanes, to, in, or with any kynde of linnen cloth, whereby the same shalbe deceitful or woorse, to, & for the good vse thereof: that then the sayd cloth shalbe forfayted, & thoffendour therein to be punished by one monethes imprisonment at the least, and shall pay suche fine as shalbe assessed, for his or their offence or offences, by ye Justices, before whom he or they shalbe condemned accordyng to the tenor of this acte.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that all and euery the Justices of Oyer and Determiner, and Justices of Assises in all theyr Sessions, and al Justices of peace in euery Countie and place of this Realme, or .iii. of them at the leaste, whereof one to be of the Quorum, shall haue ful power and aucthoritie to enquire, heare, & determine the offences aforesayde, in theyr sessions, by information, inditement, or vppon the trauerse of any presentment, or inditement, founde before the sayde Justices, or any of them.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that yf any person or persons, shall at the next sessions of the peace (after the sayde seaser, to be kept within the shire or place where the seaser was made, or before two Justices of peace, whereof one to be of the Quorum) make due information of the offence, and of the seaser of the sayde cloth, or els shall procure the offendours to be therof indited, at the sayd next sessions after the sayde seaser, and shall also be bounde before the sayde Justices by recognisaunce or obligation, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, in such fourme as the sayd Justices, or any of them, shall thinke meete for the greatnesse of the matter, and to pursue the same matter with effect, and to geue euidence, as of ryght apparteyneth, and also to pay and geue the moitie of all that he or they shall so recouer and receyue, to the Sheriffe, or other accomptaunt, to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours: and the one halfe of al the forfaytures and fines of and for the premisses, to be vnto the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to hym or them that shall make information, or procure inditementes of and for the premisses, and shall folowe the same with effect.

And further be it ordayned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforesaid, that the Justices before whom any suche offence shalbe tryed, shal certifie the same by theyr estreate into the Exchequer, at the least yerely at Michaelmas, as they be bound to do other their estreates, & vpon that certificate, the Barons of the Exchequer to haue ful power & aucthoritie to make proces for so muche thereof as by this estate shall apparteyne to the Queenes Maiestie, in lyke maner & fourme as they onely doo for any other fines and amerciamentes so certified before them.

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An acte for the ſhippyng in Engliſhe Botomes.

The. xiii. Chapter

WHERE by diuers ſtatutes made in the tyme of the Queenes Maieſties moſt noble progenitours, it hath ben enacted & prouided, that no perſon borne within the Realme of England, or beyng of the legiaunce of the prince of the ſayde Realme, or any the dominions of the ſame, ſhoulde ſhyp any maner of marchaundiſe eyther out of the Realme, or into the ſame, but only in a ſhip or botome whereof the ſayd prince, or ſome other of their ſubiectes, were owners, poſſeſſioners, proprietaries, and maiſters, & the mariners of the ſame veſſel, for the more part, to be alſo their ſubiectes, vpon diuers paynes and penalties, as in the ſayd ſtatutes more plainely appeareth. Sithe the makyng of which ſayde ſtatutes, other forraigne princes fyndyng them ſelues agreeued with the ſayde ſeuerall actes, as thynkyng that the ſame were made to the hurt & preiudice of their countrey & naue, haue made lyke penall lawes againſt ſuch as ſhould ſhyp out of their countreys in any other veſſels then of their ſeuerall countreys and dominions: by reaſon whereof there hath not onely growen great diſpleaſure betwixt the forraigne princes and the kinges of this Realme, but alſo the marchauntes haue ben ſore greeued and endomaged.

For reformation whereof, and for increaſe of continuaunce of amitie, be it enacted, that the ſeuerall actes made in the fyfth yeere of kyng Richarde the ſeconde, the thirde Chapter, and in the fourth yeere of the late kyng of famous memorie kinge Henry the ſeuenth, intituled, Of wine and tholouze ode, ſhalbe from henceforth clearely voyde & of none effect. And neuertheleſſe for auoydyng of great diſceyte practiſed, & now a dayes vſed by ſundry ſubiectes borne within this Realme of Englande, and dominions of the ſame, whiche enter into the cuſtomers bookes, wares and marchaundize of aliens borne, in their owne name, whereby the Queenes Maieſtie is defrauded in her cuſtomes and ſubſidies, to the great decaye of the auncient reuenues of the crowne: be it enacted by the auctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that all and euery perſon and perſons, beyng owner or owners of any goodes, wares, or marchaundiſes, whiche after the fyrſt day of Januarie next enſuing the ſeſſion of this preſent Parliament, ſhall in tyme of peace, and when there is no reſtraynt made of Engliſhe ſhyppes, embarke, ſhyppe, lade, or diſcharge by way of marchaundize, any wares, or marchaundize (maſtes, Raffe, Pitche, Tarre, and Cozne only excepted) out of, or into any Shippe, Barke, Hoye, veſſell, or botome, whereof our ſayde Soueraigne Ladye the Queene, her heyres, or ſucceſſours, or ſome of her or their ſubiectes of this

Realme,

Realme, or the dominions of the same, be not possessioners and proprietaries, and the maisters vnder God, and the mariners of the same shyp or shippes, for the most part, be not subiectes of our sayde Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, and successours, shall answeare, yeelde, and pay to the vse of our sayd Soueraigne Lady the Queene, her heyres, & successours, such custome and subsidie, for suche wares and marchaundises, so shipped, laden, or discharged, as is aforesayd, rate, and rate lyke, as straungers and aliens borne out of the obeysaunce of our sayde Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, doo, and ought to pay for wares, and marchaundises of lyke nature and kynde.

And be it further enacted by thaucthoritie aforesaid, that no Hoy, or Plate, wherof any Englishe subiect or subiectes, is, be, or shalbe owner or owners, at any tyme after the fyrst day of Januarie aforesayd, from any port, creeke, or place of this sayd Realme of England, or any of the dominions of the same, shall trauers or crosse the seas, in, to, or for any of the portes beyonde the Seas; with any wares, goodes, or marchaundise, vpon payne that the sayde owner or owners shall forfayte and lose the same Hoy or Plate, with all and euery the munition, tackling, and other necessaries parteynyng thereunto: whereof the one moitie to be to the vse and behoofe of the Queenes sayde Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to the person or persons whiche wyll sue for the same, by bill, playnt, action, or information, in any her highnesse courtes at Westminster: in whiche case no wager of lawe, protection, or essoigne shalbe admitted.

Prouided alwayes, & be it enacted, that it shalbe lawful to the marchauntes, commonly called marchauntes aduenturers, & marchantes of the Staple, & euery of them, at their seuerall fleetes, or shippinges of cloth, and wool, & euery of them, from & out of the Riuer of Thames, only being made & wyth in one yeere at the most, to embarke, shyp, and lade any goodes, wares, or marchandise in, or to any shippe, vessell, or Bottome, belonging or appartenyng to any straunger or alien borne, so long and at such tyme as there be not ships, vessels, or Bottomes belonging to the Queenes highnesse, her heyres, or successours, or any of her subiectes, in the sayde Riuer of Thames, sufficient in number, and type and meete for the sure and safe conueyaunce of the wares and marchaundise into the partes of Flaunders, Hollande, Zelande, or Brabant, or any of them, without paying any greater or more custome or subsidie, then Englishe men doo, and ought to pay: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng. This acte to continue and stande in force for the space of fiue yeeres onely, next immediately folowyng this present session of Parliament, and from thence to the ende of the Parliament then next folowing.

Prouided, that for asmuche as the marchauntes of the Citie of

Bristowe,

Brittowe, haue ſuſteyned of late great loſſes at the ſea by the enimies, by reaſon of takyng of all theyr beſt ſhyppes, with muche ſubſtaunce, ſo that they be not of abilitie to prouide ſufficient ſhippes and veſſelles of their owne within the tyme limited in this preſent acte: that they for lacke of their owne ſhippes, or any other veſſelles of the Queenes dominions, within.xl. myles of the Citie of Brittowe, may lode and embarke theyr owne wares and marchaundiſes in ſtraungers Bottomes, without paying any other cuſtome, then for wares and marchaundiſes laden in Engliſhe Bottomes: this acte or any thyng therin contayned to the contrary, notwithſtandyng.

An acte for the continuaunce of the making of Wollen Cloth, in diuers Townes in the Countie of Eſſex.

The.xiiii. Chapter.

WHereas by a certayne acte of Parliament begunne at Weſtminſter, the twentie day of Januarye, in the fourth and fyfth yeres of the raignes of the late kyng Phylip and Queene Marie, and there continued tyll the ſeuenth day of March, in the ſayd fourth & fifth yeeres of the raignes of the ſayde late kyng & Queene, amongſt other thynges it was enacted, that from and after the fyrſt day of May then next folowyng, no perſon or perſons whatſoeuer, ſhall vſe or exerciſe the feate or myſterie of makyng, weauyng, or rowyng of wollen clothes, long or ſhort, or Karleyes, pinned whites, or playne ſtreightes, to the intent to put the ſame to ſale, but onely in a market Towne where cloth hath continually ben vſed to be made by the ſpace of.x. yeeres then laſt paſt, or in a Citie, Borough, or towne corporate, vppon payne of forfayture for euery ſuche wollen cloth or Karſey made, wouen or rowed, out of ſuche Citie Borough, Towne corporate, or market Towne, fyue pounndes.

And where alſo it is prouided in the ſayde acte, that it ſhalbe lawfull to any perſon, then vſyng or exerciſyng the feate or myſterie of makyng, weauyng, or rowyng of Cloth or Karſey, to inhabite or dwel where he then dyd dwell, and there to vſe the makyng, weauyng, or rowyng of Cloth or Karſey, as he hath heretofore: any thyng in the ſayde acte, notwithſtandyng.

And where it is further prouided by the ſayde acte, that it ſhalbe lawfull to all and euery perſon or perſons, whiche then dyd, or after that tyme ſhoulde inhabite or dwell in any of the ſhyres of Northwales, or Southwales, Cheſhyre, or Lancaſhyre, Weſtmerlande, Cumberlande, Northumberlande, Biſhoprike of Durham, Cornewal,

wall, Suffolke, Kent, the Towne of Goddelmine in the Countie of Surrey, or Yorkeshyre, beyng not within.xii. myles of the Citie of Yorke, or in any of the Townes or villages neare adioynyng to the water of Strowde, in the Countie of Glocester, where clothes hath ben vsually made by the space of twentie yeeres then last past, and hauyng ben apprentice to the occupation of cloth makyng, or vsed the same by the space of seuen yeeres, to set vp, vse, and exercise the feate or mysterie of makyng, weauyng, or rowyng of wollen cloth, out of a Citie, borough, or market towne, as before that tyme they might haue done: any thyng in the sayde acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

And forasmuche as the Townes or villages of Bockyng, Westbarfolde, Bedham, and Cockshal in the Countie of Essex, be fayre large Townes, and alwel planted for cloth makyng, as the sayde Towne of Goddelmine, or better, and fewe townes in this Realme better planted for that purpose, and haue ben inhabited of a long time with clothmakers, which haue made, and dayly do make good and true cloth, to the great common weale of the Countrey there, and nothyng preiudiciall to, or for the common wealth of this Realme: be it therfore ordayned and enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that it shalbe lawfull to al and euery suche person and persons, whiche nowe do inhabite or dwel, or hereafter shall dwel in the sayde townes or villages of Bockyng, Westbarfolde, Cockshal, and Bedham, or in any of them, nowe vsyng or exercisyng, or that hereafter shall vse or exercise the feate or mysterie of makyng, weauyng, or rowyng of cloth or Karsey, by the space of seuen yeeres at the least, or haue ben prentice thereto by the sayde space of seuen yeeres, to inhabite and dwell in the sayde townes or villages of Bockyng, Westbarfolde, Cockshall, and Bedham, and in euery or any of them, and to vse the makyng, weauyng, or rowyng of Cloth or Karsey, as before this tyme they myght haue done, yf the sayde act had neuer ben made: any thyng in the sayd acte to the contrary thereof made, or any other acte, statute, or lawe heretofore made, or hereafter to be made to the contrary hereof in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

An acte that tymber shal not be felled to make coales for the burnyng of iron.

The.xv. Chapter.

FOR the auoydyng of destruction and wastyng of tymber, be it enacted by our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, the Lordes Spirituall and Temporall, and the commons in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authoritie of the same, that no person or persons hereafter shall conuert or imploy, or cause to be conuerted or imployed to

to coale or other fuel, for the makyng of iron, anye timber tree, or tymber trees, or oke, beeche, or ashe, or of any part thereof, of the breadth of one foote square at the stub, and growyng within xiiii. myles of the sea, or of any part of the ryuer of Thames, Seuerne, Wye, Humbre, Vee, Tine, Teese, Trent, or any other ryuer, creeke, or streame, by the whiche cariage is commonly vsed by boate, or other vessel, to any part of the sea, vppon payne of forfayture for euery suche tree, or anye part thereof, so imployed or conuerted to coale, or other fuel: for the making of iron, as is aforesayde xl. s. of lawful money of England: ye one halfe of al whiche forfaytures to be to our soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiestie, and to her heyres, and successours, and the other moytie to hym or them that wyl sue for the same, by original writ, byl, plaint, or information, wherein no essoigne, protection, iniunction, or wager of lawe shalbe admitted or alowed.

Prouided awayes, that this acte shal not extende to the Countie of Sussex, nor to the Weyld of Kent, nor to any the parishes of Charlewood Newdigate, and Lighe, in the Weylde of the Countie of Surrey: this acte to begyn and take effect from and after the feast of the Natiuitie of S. John Baptist next commyng, after this session of Parliament.

¶ *An acte to continue the acte made agaynst rebellious assembles.*

The.xvj. Chapter.

WHERE in the Parliament holden at Westminster the xxiiii. day of October, in the first yere of the raigne of the late Queene Marie, sister vnto the Queenes hyghnesse that nowe is, there was one act and statute made agaynst vnlawful and rebellious assembles, to indure and stande in force vnto the end of the next Parliament then folowyng, as by the same acte more playnely doeth appeare. Which sayde acte and statute in the Parliament holden at Westminster the.xii. day of Nouember, in the fyrst and seconde yeres of the raigne of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, amongst other thynges was then and there continued vnto the laste day of the next Parliament: and after, at the next Parliament begun and holden at Westminster the.xxi. daye of October, in the.ii. and iii. yeres of the sayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, the sayde acte and statute amongst other thynges was also further continued to stande in force, vntyl the last daye of the next Parliament then folowyng: and also at the next Parliament holden at Westminster the.xx. day of Januarie in the.iiii. and.v. yeres of the raignes of the sayde late king and Queene, the sayde acte and statute amongst other thynges was lykewyse further continued to stand and remayne in force vntyl the last day of the next Parliament then folowyng,

wyng, whiche is this preſent parliament, and ſo the ſayde act and ſtatute by the actes of continuaunce afore ſayde, doeth ſtande in force but onely vnto the laſt day of this preſent Parliament.

And forasmuche as the ſayde acte and ſtatute, durryng al the time afore ſayd, hath ben proued by experience to be a very good and beneficial law, and meete to be continued and kept in force, alwel for the preſeruation of the peace, as alſo for the common wealth, and quietneſſe of this Realme: be it therefore enacted by authoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayd acte and ſtatute, and euery braunch, clauſe, and article therein conteyned, ſhal ſtande, remayne, continue, and be in ful force and ſtrength, to al intentes and purpoſes, for and durryng the natural lyfe of the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie that nowe is (which almightie God long preſerue and continue) and to thend of the Parliament then next folowyng: and that the ſayde act and ſtatute, & the wordes and ſentences mentioned & conteyned in the ſaid acte, ſhall extende and be to the Queenes mayneſſe that nowe is, as fullye and amplie as euer the ſame did extende to the ſayd late Queene Marie.

An acte for the preſeruation of ſpawne and frye of fiſhe.

The.xvij. Chapter.

FOr the preſeruation hereafter of ſpawne, frye, and young breede of Eles, Samons, Pikes, and of al other fiſhe, whiche heretofore hath ben muche deſtroyed in riuers & ſtreames, ſalt and freſhe within this Realme, in ſo much that diuers places they feede ſwine and dogges with the frye and ſpawne of fiſhe, and otherwyſe (lamentable and horrible to be reported) deſtroy the ſame, to the great hinderaunce and decaye of the common wealth: Be it therefore enacted by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, the Lordes ſpirituall and temporal, and the commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the auctoritie of the ſame, that no perſon of perſons, of what eſtate, degree, or condition ſo euer he or they be, from and after the firſt day of June next cõmyng, with any maner of net, weele, butte, tayning, kepper, lyme, crele, rawe, ſagnet, trolnet, trymenet, trimbote, ſtalbote, webliſter, ſeur, lawnet, or with any deuiſe or engine made of heare, wool, lyne, or canuas, or ſhal vſe any heling net, or trimle boate, or by anye other deuiſe, enginne, cawtel, wayes or meanes what ſo euer, heretofore made or deuiſed, or hereafter to be made or deuiſed, ſhal take and kyll any yong brode, ſpawne or frye of Eles, Samon, Pike, or Pickerell, or of any other fiſhe, in anye ſludgate, pipe at the tayle of any myll, weare, or in any ſtreites, ſtreames, brookes, riuers, ſalt or freſhe, within this Realme of Englande, Wales, Barwicke, or the marches thereof, nor ſhal from and after the firſt day of June next commyng by anye

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of the wayes and meanes aforesayde, or otherwyse, in anye ryuer or place aboue specified, take and kyll anye Samons, or Trowtes, not beyng in season, beyng kepper Samons, or kepper Trowtes, shedder Samons, or shedder Trowtes.

And be it further enacted by auctoritie aforesayde, that no person or persons, of what estate, degree, or condition he or they shalbe of, from and after the sayde fyrst day of June, by any of the meanes aforesayde, in anye of the ryuers or places aboue named, shal take and kyll any pike or pickerel, not beyng in length .x. inches fishe or more, nor any Samon not beyng in length .xvi. inches fishe and more, nor anye Trowte, not beyng in length .viii. inches or more, nor any Barbell, not beyng in length .xii. inches or more.

And to thintent the sayde young frye, brode, or spawne, may be preserued accordyng to the true meanyng hereof, be it further enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that no maner of person or persons, from and after the first day of June next comming, shal fishe, or take fishe with any maner of net, tramel, hep, wore, hame, crele, or by anye other ingin, deuise, wayes or meanes whatsoeuer, in any ryuer, or other places aboue mentioned, but onely with net, or tramel, whereof euerye meshe or masshe shalbe two inches a halfe brode, angling excepted.

Prouided neuertheless, and be it enacted by auctoritie aforesayd, that in all suche places where smeltes, loches, minneys, bullheades, gudgions, or eles, hath ben vsed to be taken and kylled, that in al suche places, it shalbe lawful onely for the takyng of smelts, loches, minneys, gudgions and eles, to vse suche nets, lepes, & other ingines, deuises, wayes and meanes, as heretofore hath ben vsed for the takyng of the same: so that suche person or persons vsyng or occupyng such nets, or other ingines, as is last afore mentioned, do not take, kyl, or destroy any other fishe, with the sayde nettes, or ingines, contrary to the tenor and fourme aboue in this estatute conteyned.

And be it further enacted, that if any person or persons, after the aforesayde day limited in this present act, offende in any of the poyntes before rehearsed, contrary to the tenor, fourme, and purport of anye part of the same: that then euery suche person and persons so offendyng, shal lose and forfayte for euery tyme of his or their offence, the summe of .xx.s. and the fishe so taken contrary to the tenour hereof, and also the vnlawful nets, ingines, deuises, and instrumentes whatsoeuer they be, wherwith or whereby such offence shal fortune to be made, committed, or done.

And to thintent that a perfect execution may be had of this present acte, be it further ordeyned by auctoritie aforesayde, that the Lorde Admiral of Englande, and the Maior of the Citie of London, for the tyme beyng, and al and euery other person and persons, bodyes politique and corporate, whiche by graunt or other lawfull wayes or

meanes, lawfully haue, or ought to haue any conseruation or preseruation, of any riuers, streames, or water, or punishmentes and corrections of offences committed in any of them, shall haue full power and aucthoritie by vertue of this acte, to enquire of all the offences to be committed and done contrarye to the effecte and true meanyng of this acte, within his or theyr suche lawful rule, gouernment, iurisdiction, and conseruacie, by the othes of xii. men or more, and to heare and determine al and euery the same offences, committed within his or theyr suche iurisdiction, conseruacie, rule, and gouernment. And that al suche paynes and forfaytures, as shal ryse or growe by the reason of anye suche conuiction for anye the offences aforesayde, shalbe to the vse of euery of the sayde person and persons, beyng no body politique or corporate, nor head of anye body politique or corporate, before whom suche conuiction, as is aforesayde shall be hadde, and to the vse of euery suche body politique and corporate, as heretofore haue lawfully had any fines, forfaytures, and amerciamentes, for any offence vnlawfully committed or donne, in any such their iurisdiction, or conseruacies, vppon conuiction had before the head of any suche body politique or corporate. And that also the Lorde of euery leete within this Realme of Englande, and wales, or the dominions of the same, shal haue full power and aucthoritie to enquyre of al the offences contrary to the purport, tenor, and fourme of this estatute, within the precinct of theyr sayde leete: suche enquyrie to be had, in maner and fourme, and after such sort as common amerciamentes, or other thynges, inquyrable in theyr Court leete, haue ben lawfully vsed and accustomed to be hadde and made. And that vpon euery such presentment had in any court or leete, by the oth of twelue men or more, as is aforesayde, of any offence or offences, made contrary to the tenor of this estatute: that then all suche forfayture aboue in this estatute limited and appoynted for suche offence, shalbe vnto the lorde of the sayde leete for the tyme beyng, to his owne vse for euer, and shalbe leuyed in suche maner and fourme, as amerciament for affrayes committed within the precincte of suche leete haue benne vsed and accustomed to be leuied. And if any leete, after the sayde first day of June, be kept within this Realme of Englande, or Wales, or the dominions thereof, and the Stewarde of the sayde leete, for the tyme beyng, or other for hym, do not charge the Jurie sworne in such leete to enquyre of al the offences done within the precinct of the sayde leete, contrary to the tenor and fourme of this estatute: that then the Stewarde of the sayde leete, to leese and forfayte, xl s. the one moitie of whiche forfaytures shalbe to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, and successours, and the other moitie to hym that wyl sue for the same. And if any Jurie sworne in any leet, and beyng charged to enquyre of the offences committed within the precinct of that leete, doo wyl-

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fully and wyllyngly conceale and make default in presentment, or doo not present the offence and offendours: that then it shalbe lawfull to the stewarde, or bayly of the leete, or his or theyr deputie for the tyme beyng, to empanel one other Jurie within the sayde leete, and to enquyre of suche concealement, default, and none presentment, and that upon suche concealement, default, or none presentment founde and presented, every of the sayd Jurours which so did conceale, make default, or not present, shal loose and forfayte for every such offence. xx.s. to the Lorde of the sayd leete, the same to be levied in maner & fourme as is abovesayde, for the other offences limited and expressed.

And it is further enacted by aucthoritie aforesayde, that if the offences above mentioned, touchyng the takyng, killyng, or destroying of fishe, or frye and Spawne, be not presented at the leete where they shalbe committed, within one yere next after the offence committed, that the Justices of peace in theyr sessions, Justices of Oyer and determiner, and Justices of assise in theyr several circuites, shal have full power and aucthoritie to inquire thereof, and to heare and determine al the offences committed contrary to the tenor of this statute.

Saving alwayes to al and every person and persons, bodyes politique and corporate, and every of them, al suche right, title, interest, clayme, privilledge, and conservation, and enquyre, and punishment of and for any the offences aforesayde, as they or any of them lawfullye have and enioy, or of ryght ought to have and enioy, by anye maner of meanes: any thyng in this acte to the contrary, notwithstandyng. This acte to endure to the ende of the next Parliament.

Provided alwayes, that this acte, or any thing therein conteyned, shal not extende unto the fyshyng of the ryver or water of Tweede, nor to anye ryver or water whereof the Queenes Majestie is answered of any yerely rent or profite, nor to the owners, fermours and occupiers of the rivers of Walhe, or Wye, in the Countie of Monmouth, for any fishe hereafter to be taken in any the ryvers or waters before mentioned and expressed, but that it maye be lawful at al seasonable tyme and tymes hereafter, for suche as have or shal have anye maner of interest therein, to take and fishe the sayde ryvers and waters, in such maner and fourme as heretofore hath ben used and accustomed, not usyng any net or engynne, to the intent wyllyngly to take, kyll, and destroy the spawne, breede, or frye, breedyng anye kynde of fishe, within the sayde severall rivers or waters: this acte or anye thyng therein mentioned or conteyned to the contrarye, notwithstandyng.

Capxviii. # Anno primo

¶ *An acte for the continuaunce of certayne* Statutes.

The. xviii. Chapter.

WHere in the Parliament begun and holden at London the. iii. daye of Nouember, in the. xxi. yeere of the raigne of our moſt dread Soueraigne Lorde of moſte famous memorie kyng Henry the eight, & from thence adiourned to Weſtminſter, and there holden and continued by diuers prorogations vnto the diſſolution thereof, one acte was made for the true wyndyng of woolles, and one other acte was there made to reſtrayne kyllyng of waynelinges, bullockes, ſtires, and heyfers, beyng vnder the age of two yeeres: which ſayd ſeuerall actes were then made to endure and continue vnto the next Parliament, as by the ſayde ſeuerall actes more playnely appeareth. And where alſo in the ſame Parliament one other acte was made & eſtabliſhed for attayntes to be ſued for the puniſhment of periurie vpon vntrue verdites: whiche acte laſt before rehearſed was then made & ordeyned to continue and endure to the laſt day of the next Parliament, as by the ſame acte more playnely appeareth. And where alſo in the Parliament begun & holden at Weſtminſter the. viii. day of June, in the. xxviii. yeere of the raigne of our ſayd moſt dread ſoueraigne Lord kyng Henry the eyght, & there continued and kept vntyl the diſſolution thereof, it was ordeyned, and enacted, that al and ſinguler the ſayde actes aboue remembred, and euery of them, ſhoulde continue and endure in theyr force and ſtrength, and alſo be obſerued and kept vntyl the laſt daye of the next Parliament, as by the ſame acte, amongſt other thynges therein conteyned, more playnely appeareth. And where alſo in the Parliament begun & holden at Weſtminſter the. xxviii. day of Aprill, in ỹ. xxxi. yere of the raigne of our ſayde late moſt dread ſoueraigne lorde kyng Henry the eight, and there continued vntyl the. xxviii. day of June then next folowyng, it was ordeyned and enacted by the auctoritie of the ſame Parliament, that al and ſinguler the ſayde ſeuerall actes aboue remembred, and euerye of them, and al articles, clauſes, and prouiſions in them and euery of them conteyned, ſhoulde continue and endure in theyr force & ſtrength, and alſo be obſerued and kept vntyl the laſt day of the next Parliament, as by the ſame acte amongſt other thynges therein conteined, more plainely appeareth. And where in the Parliament holden at Weſtminſter, in the. xxxb. yere of the raigne of our ſayde late Soueraigne Lorde kyng Henry the eight, one acte was made for the preſeruation of woodes, to endure for. viii. yeeres then next folowyng, and from thence to the end of the next parliament, as by the ſame act more playnely it doeth and may appeare. And where alſo at the parliament holden

holden at Westminster in the .xxvbii. yeere of the raigne of the sayd late kyng Henry theight, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof, it was ordeyned and enacted, that all and singuler the sayde actes aboue remembred, and euery of them (except the sayde acte made for the preseruation of woodes as is aforesayde) shoulde continue and endure in their force and strength, and also be obserued and kept vntyll the last day of the next Parliament then next folowyng, as by the same act amongst other thynges therein conteyned more plainely appeareth. And where also at the session of the Parliament ended at Westminster the .xiiii. day of March, in the thirde yere of the raigne of our late Soueraigne Lord king Edwarde the first, one acte was made for the true currying of leather, whiche acte was made to endure to the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same acte more playnely appeareth. And where also at the session of a Parliament ended at Westminster the fyrst day of Februarie, in the .iiii. yeere of the raigne of our sayde late Soueraigne Lorde king Edward the first, one acte was then and there made concerning the buying of rother beastes, and also one other acte was then and there made touchyng the buying and sellyng of Butter and Cheese: whiche sayde seuerall actes were then and there made to endure and continue vnto the ende of the next Parliament, as by the same seuerall actes more at large it dooth and may appeare. And where also at the session of a Parliament by prorogation holden at Westminster the .xviii. day of Januarie, in the fifth yeere of the raigne of our said late Soueraigne Lord king Edward the first, one other act was then and there made agaynst regratours and forestallers, to endure to the ende of the next Parliament: all and singuler which sayde actes aboue mentioned, together with the sayde acte for the preseruation of woodes, at a Parliament holden at Westminster the first day of Marche, in the .vii. yeere of the raigne of our sayde late Soueraigne lord king Edward the first, and there continued and dissolued the last day of the same moneth of March, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued & continued to stand in their force and strength, vntyll the last day of the next Parliament. And where also at the session of a Parliament holden by prorogation at Westminster the .xviii. day of October, in the first yeere of the raigne of the late Queene Marie, sister to the Queenes highnesse that nowe is, and there continued and kept vntyll the dissolution thereof, all and singuler the actes aboue mentioned, and before that tyme continued at sundry Parliamentes, as is aforesayde, and all clauses, articles, and prouisions in them and euery of them conteyned, were there reuiued and continued to stande in their force and strength vnto the last day of the next Parliament.

And where also at a Parliament begunne and holden at Westminster the .xii. day of Nouember, in the fyrst and seconde yeeres of the raignes

raignes of the late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued and kept vntyll the diſſolution of the ſame, beyng the .xvi. day of Januarie then next enſuing, all and ſinguler the actes aboue remembred, that were before that tyme continued at ſundry Parliamentes, as is aforeſayde, and all clauſes, articles, and prouiſions in them and euery of them conteyned, were by the aucthoritie of the ſayd Parliament there reuiued and continued to ſtande in their force and ſtrength vnto the laſt day of the next Parliament. And where alſo at a Parliament begun and holden at Weſtminſter the .xxi. day of October, in the ſeconde and thirde yeeres of the raignes of the ſayde late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued vntyll the diſſolution of the ſame, beyng the .ix. day of December then next enſuing, one acte was then and there made for the keepyng of Milche kyne, and for the breadyng and rearyng of calues, and one other acte for the reedifiyng of decayed houſes of huſbandry, and for the encreaſe of tyllage, the ſayde two ſeuerall actes to endure tyll the laſt day of the next Parliament, as by the ſame more at large dooth appeare.

And foraſmuche as al and ſinguler the ſayde ſeuerall actes aboue mentioned, be good and beneficiall for the common wealth of this Realme: be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed by the Queenes moſt excellent Maieſtie, with the aſſent of the Lordes Spirituall and Temporal, and the Commons in this preſent Parliament aſſembled, and by the aucthoritie of the ſame, that all and ſinguler the ſayde ſeuerall actes and eſtatutes aboue mentioned and rehearſed, and euery of them, and all clauſes, articles, and prouiſions in them and euery of them conteyned, ſhalbe reuiued, continued, ſtande, and endure in their full force and ſtrength, to all intentes, conſtructions & purpoſes, and ſhalbe obſerued and kept in all thinges vntyll the laſt day of the next Parliament. And where in the Parliament begun and holden at Weſtminſter, the .xxi. day of October, in the ſeconde and third yeres of the raignes of the ſayd late kyng Philip and Queene Marie, and there continued and kept vntyll the .ix. day of September then next enſuing, one acte was then and there made, entituled, An acte for the reliefe of the poore, and to endure to the latter ende of the fyrſt ſeſſion of the next Parliament. Foraſmuche as the ſayde acte is good and beneficall to the common wealth of this Realme: be it therefore enacted, ordeyned, and eſtabliſhed by the aucthoritie of this preſent Parliament, that the ſayde acte laſt aboue mentioned and rehearſed, and all clauſes, articles, and prouiſions in the ſame conteyned, ſhalbe reuiued, continued, ſtande, and indure in full force and ſtrength, to all intentes and purpoſes, and ſhalbe obſerued and kept in all thynges vntyll the laſt day of the next Parliament.

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An acte of a subsidie of Tonnage and Pondage.

The.xix. Chapter.

TO their moſt humble wyſe ſhewen vnto your moſt excellent Maieſtie, your poore and obedient ſubiectes and commons in this your preſent Parliament aſſembled, that where aſwell your noble graundfather, of worthy memorie, kyng Henry the ſeuenth, the moſt victorious & myghtie prince king Henry the eyghth your moſt deare father, the late prince of worthy memorie kyng Edwarde the firſt, your moſt entirely beloued brother, and our late Soueraigne Lady Queene Marie, your moſt deare ſiſter, as other your ryght noble and famous progenitours, kynges of this your Realme of Englande, tyme out of tyme, haue had and enioyed vnto them by auctheritie of Parliament, for the defence of the ſame nowe your Realme, and the keeping and ſauegarde of the ſeas, for the entercourſe or marchaundize, ſafely to come into, and to paſſe out of the ſame, certayne ſummes of money, named ſubſidies, of all manner of goodes and marchaundize, commyng in or goeing out of the ſame your Realme. And for aſmuche as we your ſayde poore commons, vndoubtedly and moſt aſſuredly doo truſt and haue ſure confidence in your Maieſties good fauour and wyll towardes vs your ſayde poore commons, in and for the keepyng and ſure defendyng of the Seas, agaynſt all perſons, intendyng or that ſhall intende the diſturbaunce of vs your ſayde Commons in the entercourſe and the inuadyng of this your Realme, to our moleſtation, inquietyng, and loſſe, whiche at any tyme can not be borne without the great exceſſe, and intollerable coſtes, charges, and expences of your Maieſtie, whiche is not (when neede ſhall require in ſuche caſes) to be lacked at any tyme. But rather we your ſayde Commons, wyſhing that ſuche furniture of all thynges may be had in redyneſſe from tyme to tyme, when neceſſitie ſhall require, for the ſpeedie indelayed prouiſion and helpe for the ſuppreſſing of ſuche inconueniences, diſturbances, and inuations, humbly deſyre your moſt excellent Maieſtie, benignely and fauourably to take, accept, and receyue theſe our poore grauntes hereafter enſuing, as graunted of true hartes, and good wylles, whiche we beare vnto your highneſſe, towardes your ſayde great coſtes, charges, and expences, whiche may be expended and layde out by your Maieſtie for the cauſes aforeſayde, when neede ſhall require, as the fyrſt fruites of our good wylles and hartes towarde your hyghneſſe, although the ſame doo or hereafter ſhall, nothyng in effect counteruayle the ſame your great charges, nor yet we your ſayde poore Commons able fully to gratifie your hyghneſſe by any meanes: yet neuertheleſſe

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we your saide poore commons, by the aduise and consent of the Lordes spirituall and temporall, in this your present Parliament assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same, to the intent aforesayde, geue and graunt to you our supreme liege Lady and Soueraigne, one subsidie called Tonnage, that is to say, of euery tunne of wine comming, or that shal or is come into this your Realme, by way of marchaundise, the tunne of.iii.s. and so after the rate. And of euery tunne of sweete wyne, as well malueseye as other, that shall or is come into the same your Realme, by euery or any marchaunt alien, as well by the marchauntes of Hanilie, & Almaine, as by any other marchaunt straunger, of what nation so euer he be.iii.s. and so after the rate ouer and aboue the.iii.s. afore graunted. And of euery tunne of Gascoigne wine, comming, or that shal or is comme into this your Realme, by way of marchaundise, by euery or any marchaunt denizen, or alien, of what nation soeuer he be.xii.d. And also one other subsidie called Pondage, that is to say, of all manner of goodes and marchaundises, of euery marchaunt denizen and alien, what so euer he be, caryed and to be caried out of this your sayde Realme, or brought or to be brought into the same, by way of marchaundise of the value of euery.xx.s. of the same goodes and marchaundise.xii.d. and so after the rate. And of euery.xx.s. value of tynne and pewter vessell, caryed out of this your Realme, by any and euery marchaunt alien.xii.d. ouer and aboue the.xii.d. aforesayde. Except and alwayes forepriled out of this graunt of subsidie of Pondage, al manner of wollen cloth, made or wrought, or that shalbe made and wrought within this your Realme of Englande, & by euery or any marchaunt denizen, and not borne alien, caried or to be caried out of this your sayde Realme: and all manner of welles, wolfelles, and hydes, and backes of leather, also caried or to be caried out of this your Realme: and all wines, and all manner of freshe fishe, and bestiall, comming, or that is or shall come into the same your Realme. And further we your sayde poore commons, by the aduise, assent, & auctoritie aforesayde, geue and graunt vnto you our sayde liege Lady and Soueraigne, for the causes aforesayde, one other subsidie of al maner of wolle, wolfelles, and leather, caried or to be caried out of this your Realme, in manner and fourme folowyng: That is to say, of euery marchaunt denizen, of and for euery sacke of woll.xxxiii.s.iiii.d. and for euery.ccxl. wolfels.xxxiii.s.iiii.d. and of and for euery last of hydes & backes of euerye such marchaunt denizen.iii.li. vi.s.viii.d. And of euery marchaunt straunger, not borne your liege man, as wel those that be made denizens, as hereafter shall be made by letters patentes, or other wyse, as all other marchaunt straungers, of and for euery sacke of woll.iii.li. vi.s.viii.d. and of and for euery.ccxl. wolfels.iii.li.vi.s.viii.d. and also for euery last of hydes and backes.iii.li.xiii.s.iiii.d. And so of all the sayde wolles, wolfelles, hydes,

hydes and backes, and euery of them, after the rate that so is or shalbe caryed, to haue, take, enioy, and perceyue the subsidies aforesayde, and euery of them, and euery part and parcell of them, to your hyghnesse, from the .xvi. day of Nouember last past, during your lyfe naturall.

And further we your sayde poore comdions, most humbly desyre your Maiestie, that it may be enacted by your hyghnesse, by the aduise and assent of the Lordes aforesayde, & the rest of your sayd commons, and by the aforesayde auctoritie of this present Parliament assembled, that the gifties & grauntes aforesaid, shalbe good and effectuall according to the true meaning of the same. And that it may be further enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any wines, goodes, marchaundize, woll, wolfells, hides, and backes of leather aforesayde, or other thynges afore specified, whereof the subsidies aforesayde, or any of them, is or shalbe hereafter due, shall at any tyme hereafter during the time aforesayd, be shipped, or put into any boate, crayer, ship, or vessell, to the intent to be caried into the parties of beyond the seas, or els be brought from the parties of beyonde the seas into any port, hauen, creeke, or other place of this your Realme by way of marchaundize, & there layde on lande (the subsidies aforesayde of the premisses due, or to be due, by the reason of this graunt not paide) or the collector of the same subsidie, or his deputie, with & by the consent, knowledge, and agreement of the comptroller & surueyor, or one of them at the least, not agreed with for the same in the custome house, according to the true meaning and intent of these aforesayd grauntes & euery of them: that then from the sayd .xvi. day of November last past, and not before, all the sayde wines, goodes, marchaundize, woll, wolfells, hydes, & backes, and other the premisses aforesayd, and euery part and parcel thereof, so shipped, or els put into any boates, crayer, or other vessell aforesayde, to the intent aforesayd, or brought into this Realme, & there layde on lande, as is also aforesayd, shalbe & remayne forfait to your highnesse, during the time aforesayde, thone moytie or the value thereof to your hyghnesse, & the other moytie to him or them that shall seaze the same, or sue for the same. And that it may please your highnesse, that all marchauntes, as well denizens, as straungers, coming into this your Realme, be wel & honestly entreated & demeaned, for such thinges as subsidie by this act is graunted for, as they were in the time of your sayd noble progenitours, without oppression to them to be done, paying the subsidies aforesayd.

And further that it be enacted by the auctoritie aforesayde, that yf any goodes, marchaundises, woolles, wolfelles, or leather aforesayde, or any part thereof, of any marchaunt denizen, naturally borne your liege man, whiche hath or shall passe out of this your sayde Realme, after the sayde .xvi. day of November last past, during the tearme of this gyft and graunt, hath or shall happen to be taken with enimies or pyrates vppon the Sea, or perished by

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infortune in any shyp or shippes that shall happen to be taken, or perished within the tyme of the sayde graunt, whereof the subsidies aforesayd, or any of them, to your hyghnesse due, or to be due, is or shalbe infourme aforesayde duely payde or agreed for, without fraude or collusion, & such losse or losses as ben before rehearsed, be founde and proued before the Treasourer of Englande, or the cheefe baron of your Exchequier for the tyme being, by the examination of the same marchauntes yf they be alyue, or of their executours or administratours yf they be dead, or two true credible persons sworne, or other reasonable witnesse and proues sworne, witnessing the same marchaundises so to be lost or perished: that then the same marchauntes denizens that were or shalbe owners of the aforesayde goodes, marchaundises, wol, wollels, hydes, or other marchaundises aforesayde, as shalbe so perished or lost, yf they be on lyue, or their executours & administratours yf they be dead, and euery of them, by force & vertue of this acte when them lyketh, durying the sayde terme, shal or may newly shyp as muche wol, wollels, hydes, or other goodes and marchaundises in the same port or portes in the which the same woll, wollelles, hydes, or other goodes and marchaundises aforesayde so lost and perished, were or shalbe shipped, without any of the subsidies aforesayde nowe graunted to be hadde or payde therefore to your hyghnesse in any wyse: and that al suche profites of the premisses so to be lost or perished, be certified into your Chaunceric by your sayde Treasourer or cheefe Baron, there to remayne of record. And after such certificat made, the Chaunceler of Englande, or the Lorde keper of your great seale for the tyme beyng, shall make and deliuer vnto the sayde marchauntes, their executours, or administratours, or any of them, or to theyr atturney or atturneys in that behalfe, or any of them, as many and suche writtes and warrauntes to be directed al well to the Collectours of the subsidies aforesayde, or any or euery of them, for the tyme beyng, as to the Treasourer and Barons of your Exchequer for the tyme beyng shalbe thought requisite and needefull, for the sayd marchauntes, their executours, or administratours, or their atturney or atturneys, or any of them, or the sayde Collectours, or any of them, to haue for the obtayning al wel of the shippyng, as of the alowaunce thereof.

And further that euery marchaunt denizen that shall shyppe hereafter any woll, wollels, hydes, or any other goodes and marchaundise in any Carriche, or Galley, shall pay to your Maiestie durying the tyme aforesayde, all manner of customes, and all the subsidies aforesayde, as any alien borne out of this your Realme.

God saue the Queene.

Reginæ Elizabethe.

An act of a Subsedie and two Fifteenes and Tenth, by the Temporaltie.

THE care which we doo perceyue your Maiestie hath, most noble and redoubted Soueraigne, to reduce this Realme, and the emperial Crowne therof, nowe lately so sore shaken, so impouerished, so enfeebled and weakened, into the former estate, strength and glorye, doeth make vs not onely to reioyce muche in the great bountefulnesse of almightie GOD, who hath so marueylously, and beyonde all worldlye expectation preserued your Maiestie in these late difficulte and daungerous tymes: but also to studie and bende al our wittes and force of vnderstanding, howe we may lyke louyng and obedient subiectes folowe our head, in this so noble and so necessary an enterpryse. And consydering with our selues, that the decay hath ben, beyoes many other thynges, especiallye in these three, Fyrste, wastyng of treasure, abandonyng of strength, and in diminishing of the auncient auctoritie of your Imperial Crowne.

We doo most earnestly and faythfully promise to your highnesse, that there shal lacke no good wyl, trauayle, no force on our behalfe, to the redresse of al this. But we shalbe redy, with hart, wyl, strength, body, lyues and goodes, not onelye to recouer againe that whiche is thus diminished, but if neede be, to recouer further, (as farre as right, and the wyl and pleasure of God shall suffer) the olde dignitie and renowme of this realme. The tyme and place whereof doeth not rest in vs, but as most reason is, in your most noble Maiestie, with the aduice of your honourable Counsayle. Neuertheles, since it doeth so manifestly appeare to vs al, what inestimable wastyng and consumption of the treasure and auncient reuenues of this Realme hath ben of late dayes, and what great newe charges, and intollerable expences your highnesse is forced nowe to susteyne, by reason of the decay and losse of parcel of your auncient Crowne. So beyng not ignorannt, that no worthie enterpryse, no noble attempt, no not so muche as the preseruation of a strong and puissaunt estate, might be without some maner of treasure presently to be had, and redy against all occurrentes.

Therefore we your moſt obedient and louyng ſubiectes, the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, to the we our wyllyng hartes, and good myndes, vpon mature conſultation had, haue condeſcended and agreed with one voyce and moſt entire affections, to make your hyghneſſe at this tyme a preſent, not ſuch in deede as in our affections we do wiſhe it, and as your highneſſe moſt certaynely ought to be. But yet of your accuſtomed clemencie whiche you doo ſhewe to al men, we humblie on our knees pray your hyghneſſe not to reiect it, but to accept our good wylles and hartie deſires herein, and that this our ſmal gyft may be by your highneſſe, the lordes ſpiritual and temporal, and the commons in this preſent parliament aſſembled, and by thauctoritie of the ſame enacted.

And be it enacted, that your hyghneſſe towardes the ſayde great coſtes and ineſtimable charges, ſhal haue by auctoritie of this preſent parliament, two whole fiftenes and tenthes, to be payde, taken, and leuied of the moueable goodes, cattelles, and other thinges vſuall to ſuche fiftenes and tenthes, to be contributorie and chargeable within the ſhires, Cities, Boroughes, Townes, and other places of this your maieſties realme in maner and fourme aforetyme vſed. Except the ſumme of twelue thouſande poundes thereof, fully to be deducted, that is to ſay, vi. M. poundes of eyther of the ſayd whole fiftenes and tenthes, of the ſumme that one whole fiftene & tenth attayneth vnto, in releefe, comfort and diſcharge of the poore townes, cities, and boroughes of this your ſayde realme, waſted, deſolate, and deſtroyed, or ouer greatly impouerithed, after ſuch rate as was and hath afore this time ben had and made to euery ſhire, and to be diuided in ſuch maner and fourme as heretofore for one whole fiftene and tenth hath benne had and diuided. And the ſayde two whole fiftenes and tenthes (the exceptions and deductions aforeſayde, thereupon had, deducted, and allowed) to be payde in maner and fourme folowyng: that is to ſaye, the fyrſt whole fiftene and tenth, except before excepted, to be payde to your hyghneſſe in the receipt of your highneſſe Exchequer, before the tenth day of Nouember next commyng. And the ſayde ſeconde fiftene and tenth, except before excepted, to be payde to your hyghneſſe in the receypt of your Exchequer before the tenth day Nouember, in the yere of our Lorde God. M. D. lx.

And be it further enacted by the auctoritie aforeſayde, that the knightes elected and returned, of, & for the ſhires within this realme for this preſent parliament, citizens of cities, & burgeſſes of boroughes and townes, where collectours haue ben vſed to be named & appoynted for the collection of any fiftene and tenth, before this tyme graunted, ſhal name and appoynt yeerely before the laſt day of Auguſt, in eyther of the ſaid two yeeres, ſufficient and able perſons for the collection

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of the sayde Fiftenes & Tenthes, in euery of the sayd shires, cities, Boroughes and Townes, the said persons then hauing landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes, in his or their owne right of an estate of inheritaunce of the yeerely value of ten poundes, or in goods worth a hundred pounde at the least. And also such person or persons, so by them to be named and appointed for the collection of eyther of the sayd Fiftenes and Tenthes, shalbe by them seuerally appoynted and allotted into hundredes, rapes, wapentakes, cities, boroughes, and townes. And also the sayd persons so named and appoynted for the collection of the same Fiftenes & Tenthes, shalbe charged and chargeable vpon his or their accompt or accomptes in the Exchequer to be made, with al such summe or summes of money, as the Hundredes, Rapes, wapentakes, Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, where he or they shal so happen to be appoynted, amount vnto, and of no more sum or summes. And vpon the payment of such sums of money as he or they shal be charged with, shalbe discharged, and haue his or their Quietus est, the non accompting or non payment of any other his felowes, or ỹ insufficiencie of them or any of them notwithstanding. And the names and surnames of euery the sayde collectours, for the sayd Fiftenes and Tenthes, during eyther of the said two yeres, togeather with the place allotted to their collection and charge, the sayd knightes, citizens, and burgeses, for the Shires, Cities, and Boroughes, whereunto they be elected, named, and returned, shal certifie before the Queene in her Chauncerie before the .xiii. day of October, in euery of the same two yeeres, according vnto the tenour of this acte. And yf the default of any such certifiyng be had or made in fourme as is aforesayd, then the lord Chauncellour of Englande, or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme being, shal immediatly after name & appoint collectours for the collection of eyther of the sayde Fiftenes and Tenthes, in maner & fourme as the sayd knightes of the shyres, citizens of cities, and Burgesses of boroughes shoulde haue done, and as afore tyme haue ben vsed. The which sayd collectours, and euery of them, shal haue lyke allowaunce vpon their accomptes for their fees, wages, and rewardes for the collection of the sayde Fiftenes and Tenthes, in as large maner and fourme as anye Collectour or Collectours of Fiftenes and Tenth, haue hadde at any season in time past. And that the Barons of the Queenes Exchequer for the tyme being, shal and may from time to time awarde suche proces for the speedie payment thereof, agaynst the Collectour and Collectours for the same, as by their discretions shal be thought conuenient.

Prouided alway and be it enacted by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde Lorde Chauncellour or keeper of the great Seale for the tyme being, Knightes of the Shires, Citizens of Cities, and Burgelles of Boroughes, Townes and other pla-

ces hauing aucthoritie by this present act, to name and nominate the sayd Collectours, of or for the sayd fiftenes and tenthes, shal vpon their nomination and election had & made, take by aucthoritie of this present parliament, sufficient recognisaunces, or obligation, of euery person so by them to be named, to be bound to the queenes maiestie in the double summe of the summe of their collection, and to be indorsed vpon such condition, that if the sayd collectour or collectours, do truely content & pay to the vse of the queenes hyghnesse in her receypt of the Exchequer, before the .x. day of Nouember, in euery of ẏ said two yeres, so muche of the summe of money allotted & appoynted to his collection, as the same collectour shal haue collected & geathered, and doo likewyse after the sayd .x. day of the moneth of Nouember, in euery of the sayde two yeeres, content and pay to the Queenes maiesties vse at the same receypt, the residue of his collection & charge, within one moneth next after such tyme as he shal haue geathered & collected the same residue: that then the sayde recognisance or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in his ful strength & vertue, whiche recognisance or obligation so taken, the sayde knightes of the shire, Citizens and Burgesses, and euery of them, taking any such recognisances or obligation, shal certifie and deliuer to the lord Treasourer, & Barons of the same Exchequer, before the same .x. day of Nouember, in euery of the said yeres, vpon payne of forfeyture of .x. pound to the queenes hyghnesse for euery recognisance or obligation so to be taken and not certified. And that euery suche collectour vpon request to hym made, shal make & knowledge the same recognisance or obligation accordyngly, vpon like paine and forfeyture of .x. pound to the queene, for his refusal thereof: and the Treasourer or Barons of the Exchequer, vpon the payment of the same collection, or at the sayde dayes, shal cancel and delyuer the sayde recognisance or obligation to the sayde collectour or collectours, without any fee or rewarde to be payde to any person for the same.

And furthermore for the great and waightie consyderations aforesayde, we the Lordes Spiritual and Temporal, and the Commons of this present parliament assembled, doo by our lyke assent and aucthoritie of this parliament, geue and graunt to your hyghnesse, our sayde soueraigne Lady, the Queenes Maiestie, your heyres and successours, one entire Subsedie, to be rated, taxed, leuied and payde, at two seueral paymentes, of euery person, spiritual and temporal, of what estate or degree he or they be, accordyng to the tenour of this acte in maner and fourme folowyng: that is to say, aswel of euery person borne within the realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, as of al and euery Fraternitie, Guilde, Corporation, Mysterie, Brotherhead, and Comminaltie, corporated or not corporated, within this realme of England, Wales, or other the queenes dominions, being worth fiue poundes, for euery pound, aswel in coigne

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and the value of euery pound, that euery ſuch perſō, fraternitie, guild, corporation, myſterie, brotherhead, communaltie, corporate, or not corporate, hath of his or theyr owne, or any other to his or theyr vſe, as alſo plate, ſtocke of marchaundizes, al maner of corne and blades, houſholde ſtuffe, & of al other goodes moueable as wel within the realme as without, and of al ſuch ſummes of money as to hym or them is or ſhalbe owyng, whereof he or they truſt in his or theyr conſcience ſurely to be payde, except and out of the premiſſes deducted ſuch ſummes of money as he or they owe, and in his or theyr conſciences intendeth truely to pay, and except alſo the apparel of ſuch perſons, theyr wiues and children, belonging to theyr owne bodies, (ſauing ie wels, golde, ſyluer, ſtone, and pearle) ſhal pay to and for the fyrſte payment of the ſayd ſubſidie, xx.d. of euery pounde, and to and for the ſeconde payment of the ſayd ſubſidie, xii.d. of euery pounde. And alſo euery alien & ſtranger borne out of the queenes obeyſaunce, as wel denizen as others, inhabiting within this realme, of euery pounde that he or they haue in coygne, and the value of euery pound in plate, corne, grayne, marchandizes, houſholde ſtuffe, or other goodes, ie wels, catteles, moueable or vnmoueable, as is aforeſayde, as wel within this realme as without, & of al ſums of money to hym or them owing, whereof he or they truſt in his or theyr conſciences to be payd (except and of the ſame premiſſes deducted, euery ſuch ſumme or ſummes of money, which he or they doo owe, and in his or theyr conſcience or conſciences entende truely to pay) ſhal pay of and for euery pounde, to and for the fyrſte payment of the ſayde Subſidie. iii.s. iiii.d. and to and for the ſeconde payment of the ſayde Subſidie. ii.s. of euery pounde. And alſo that euery alien and ſtranger borne out of the Queenes dominions, being denizen or not denizen, not being contributorie to any the rates aforeſayde, ſhall pay to and for the fyrſt payment of the ſayde ſubſidie. iiii.d. and to and for the ſeconde payment of the ſayde ſubſidie other. iiii.d. for euery pol. And the maiſter, or he or ſhe with whom the ſame alien is or ſhalbe abyding at the time of the taration or tarations thereof, to be charged with the ſame for lacke of payment thereof.

And be it further enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that euery perſon borne vnder the Queenes obeyſaunce, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guylde, myſterie, brotherhead, and communaltie, corporate or not corporate, for euery pound that euery of the ſame perſon, and euery corporation, fraternitie, guylde, myſterie, brotherhead, and communaltie, corporate, or not corporate, or anye other to his or theyr vſe, hath in fee ſimple, fee tayle, for tearme of lyfe, tearme of yeeres, by execution, wardeſhippe, or by copie of Court roll, of, and in anye Honours, Caſtels, Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Rentes, ſeruices, hereditamentes, annuities, fees, corodies, or other yeereiye profites, of the yeereiy value of. xx.s. aſwel within auncient demeane

and other places pryuiledged, or els where, and so by wardes, shal pay to and for the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie, ii.s. viii.d. of and for euery pound: and to and for the second payment of the sayde Subsidie xvi.d. of & for euery pound. And euery alien borne out of the queenes obeysaunce, in suche case, to pay at the fyrste of the sayde paymentes, b.s.iiii.d. of euery pound, and at the second payment. ii.s. viii.d. of and for euery pounde. And that al summes presented and chargeable by this act, eyther for goodes and debtes, or eyther of them, or for landes and tenementes, and other the premisses, as is in this act conteyned, shalbe at eyther of the sayde paymentes, set and tared after the rate and portion, according to the true meaning of this acte (landes and tenementes, chargeable to the dismes of the clergie, and yeerely wages due to seruantes for theyr yeerely seruice, other then the Queenes seruauntes, takyng yeerely wages of fiue poundes or aboue, onely excepted & forepriled.) And that al plate, coigne, iewels, goodes, debtes, and catteis personals, beyng in the rule and custodie of anye person and persons, to the vse of any corporation, fraternitie, guylde, mysterie, brotherhead, or any communaltie, being corporate or not corporate, be and shalbe rated, set, and charged by reason of this acte, as the value certified by the presenters of that certificate, to be sworne of euery pounde, in goodes and debtes, as is aboue sayde. And of euery pounde in landes, tenementes, annuities, fees, corodies, or other yeerely profites, as is aboue sayd. And the sums that are before rehearsed, set, and tared, to be leuied and taken of them that shal haue such goodes in custodie, or otherwyse charged for landes, as is before rehearsed. And the same person or persons, & body corporate, by auctoritie of this acte, shalbe discharged against him or the that shal or ought to haue ỳ same, at the time of the payment or deliuery therof, or at his otherwyse departure from the custodie or possession of the same. Except & alwayes forepriled frō the charge & assessment of this subsidie, al goods, catteis, iewels, & ornaments of churches & chappels, which haue ben ordeyned and vsed in churches or chappels, for the honour and seruice of almightie God.

And the first payment of the sayd subsidie, shalbe by the auctoritie aforesayde, tared, assessed, and rated accordyng to this acte, in euery shire, ryding, lathe, wapentake, rape, citie, borough, towne, and euery other place within this realme of Englande, and Wales, and other the queenes dominions, before the last day of Apryl next commyng: and the seconde payment of the sayde subsidie, shalbe by auctoritie aforesayd, tared, assessed, and rated, before the .xx. day of Januarie next commyng. And the particuler summes of euery shire, ryding, borough, towne, and other places aforesayde, with the particuler names of such as are chargeable for and to the fyrst payment of the sayde subsidie, to be tared and set, by the commissioners to the same limitted, or two of them at the least, with the names of the hygh collectours, and in the

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ſame forme ſhalbe certified into the queenes Exchequer, before the laſt day of May next comming. And the particuler ſums of euery Shyre, Ryding, Borough, Towne, & other places aforeſayde, with the particuler names of ſuche as are chargeable for and to the ſeconde payment of the ſayd Subſidie, to be tared and ſet by commiſſioners to the ſame to be limitted, or two of them at the leaſt, with the names of the hygh Collectours, and in the ſame forme ſhalbe certified into the Queenes Exchequer, before the .xv. day of Februarie, whiche ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God. M. D. lix. And the ſayde ſums in maner & forme aforeſayd, to be tared for the fyrſt payment of the ſayd Subſidie, ſhalbe payde into the Queenes receipt of her Exchequer aforeſayde, to the vſe of our ſayde Soueraigne Lady, before the .xviii. day of June next comming, and the ſayd ſums in maner and forme aforeſaide, to be tared for the ſeconde payment of the ſayde Subſidie, ſhalbe payde into the receipt aforeſayd to the vſe aforeſayd, before the fyrſt day of March, whiche ſhalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God. M. D. lix. And the ſumme aboueſayd, of & for the ſayd Subſidie, ſhalbe tared, ſet, aſſeſſed, & demaunded, taken, geathered, leuied, & payd to the vſe of our ſayde Soueraigne Lady, her heyres, & ſucceſſours, in forme aboueſayde, as well within the liberties, fraunchelies, ſanctuaries, auncient demeane, and other whatſoeuer place exempt or not exempt, as without. Exceept ſuch Shyres, places, and perſons, as ſhalbe foreprſed in & by this preſent act, any graunt, charter, preſcription, vſe, or libertie, by reaſon of any letters patentes or other priuiledge, preſcription, allowance of the ſame, or whatſoeuer other matter of diſcharge heretofore to the contrary made, graunted, vſed, or obteyned, notwithſtanding.

And it is further enacted by thauctoritie of this preſent Parliament, that euery ſuche perſon, as well ſuche as be borne vnder the Queenes obeyſaunce, as euery other perſon ſtraunger borne, Denizen or not denizen, inhabiting within this Realme, or within Wales, or other the Queenes dominions, whiche at the tyme of the ſayde aſſeſſynges or taratious, or of eyther of them, to be had or made, ſhall be out of this Realme, and out of Wales, and haue goodes, or catteles, landes, or tenementes, fees, or annuities, or other profites within this Realme, or in Wales, ſhalbe charged and chargeable for the ſame, by the certificate of the inhabitauntes, or the parties where ſuche goodes, catteles, landes, tenementes, or other the premiſſes, then ſhalbe, or in ſuche other place where ſuche perſon, or his factour, deputie or atturney, ſhal haue his moſt reſort vnto within this Realme, or in Wales, in lyke manner as yf the ſayde perſon were, or had ben at the tyme of the ſayde aſſeſſyng within this Realme. And that euery perſon abyding or dwellyng within this Realme, or without this Realme, ſhalbe charged or chargeable to the ſame Subſidie graunted by this acte, accordyng and after the rate of ſuche yeerely ſubſtaunce

staunce, or value of landes and tenementes, goodes, cattels, and other the premisses, as euery person so to be charged shall be set at, in the tyme of the sayde assessyng or taxation vppon him to be made, and in none otherwyse.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that for thassessing & orderyng of the sayd subsedie to be duely had, the lord Chauncellour of England, or the keper of the great seale, ye Lord Treasurer of Englande, the Lorde Steward of the Queenes Maiesties household, the lord president of the Queenes honorable counsayle, & the Lord priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or two of them at the least, whereof the Lord Chauncelor of England, or keper of the great Seale for the time being to be one, shal and may name and appoint, of & for euery Shyre, and Ryding, & other places, aswel within this Realme, as in Wales, & other the queenes dominions, & also of & for euery Citie & Towne, being a Countie in it selfe, & of, and for the Isle of Wight, suche certayne number of persons of euery of the same Shyres, Rydinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, and Isle of Wight, and euery other place, and other the inhabitauntes of the same, to be Commissioners of and within the same, whereof they be inhabitauntes. And also of, and for the honorable householde of the Queenes Maiestie, in what Shyre or other places the sayde householde shall happen then to be. And the Lorde Chauncellour, or keeper of the great Seale, and other with hym before named, in lyke maner may name and appoynt of euery other such Borough and Towne corporate, as well in England as in Wales, & other the Queenes dominions, as they shal thinke requisite. vi. v. iiii. iii. or. ii. of the head officers, and other sad honest inhabitauntes of euery of the sayd Cities, Boroughes, & Townes corporate, according to the number and multitude of the people being in the same, ye which persons, yf any such be therevnto named, of the sayde inhabitauntes of the saide Boroughes & Townes corporate, not being Counties in them selues, shalbe ioyned and put in as commissioners, with ye persons named for suche Shyres & Rydinges, as the sayde Boroughes & Townes corporate, not being Counties in them selues, be set and haue theyr beyng, which persons so named for & of the sayd Boroughes & Townes corporate, not being Counties, by reason of theyr dwellyng in the same, shal not take vpon them, ne none of them, to put any part of theyr commission in execution, for ye premisses out of ye sayd Boroughes & Townes corporate, wherein they being so named, onely for the same be dwellyng. And also not to execute the saide commission within the Borough or Towne corporat where they be so dwellyng, but at such dayes & times as ye saide other Commissioners, for the same Shyre & Ryding shal therevnto limit & appoynt within the same Borough or Towne corporat, not being Countie corporat, wherof they so be, & not out of such Borough or Towne, & in that maner to be ayding

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and assistyng with the said other Commissioners, in ꝛ for the good executyng of the effect of the sayd commission, vppon payne of euery of the sayde Commissioners, so named for euery suche Citie, Borough, and Towne corporate, not being a Countie, to make such fine, as the sayde other Commissioners in the commission of, and for the sayde Shyre, or Ryding so named, or three of them at the least, shall by theyr discretions set and certifie into the Queenes Exchequer, there to be leuied to the vse of the Queenes maiestie, in lyke maner as such or lyke summes had ben set and rated vpon euery suche person for the sayde Subsedie. The which Commissioners so named of, and for the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, not being Counties, and onely put in the saide commission by reason of theyr dwellyng in the same, shall not haue any part of the portion of the fees and rewardes of the Commissioners, and theyr Clarkes, in this acte afterwarde specified. And the Lorde Chauncellour of Englande, or keper of the great Seale, for the tyme beyng, shall make and directe out of the Courte of Chauncerie, vnder the great Seale, seueral commissions: that is to say, To euery Shyre, Rydyng, Lathe, Wapentake, Raye, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and householde, vnto suche person and personnes, as by his discretion and other with hym aforenamed and appoynted in lyke maner and forme as is afore rehearsed, shalbe thought sufficient for the selling and leuying of the sayd Subsedie, in al Shires and places, accordyng to the true meanyng of this acte: whiche Commission, for the fyrst payment of the sayde Subsedie, shalbe directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or to one of them, before the fyrst day of Aprill next commyng. And the Commission for the seconde payment of the sayde Subsedie, shalbe directed and deliuered to the sayde Commissioners, or one of them, before the fyrst day of Januarie, whiche shalbe in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousande fiue hundred fiftie and viene. And to euery of the sayd Commissions, tenne scedules, conteynyng in them the tenor of this acte shalbe affixed. By whiche commission, ỹ Commissioners in euery such commission, named accordyng to this acte, and as many of them as shalbe appointed by the said commission, shal haue ful power and aucthoritie to put the effect of ỹ same commission in execution. And that by aucthoritie of this acte, after suche commissions to them directed, they may by theyr assentes and agreementes seuer them selues for the execution of theyr commission, in Hundredes, Lathes, Wardes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Townes, Parishes, and other places, within the limits of theyr sayde commission, in suche forme as to them shall seeme expedient to be ordred, and betweene them to be commoned and agreed, accordyng to the tenor and effect of the commission to them therein directed, vppon whiche seuerance, euery persone of this present Parliament, that shalbe Commissioner, shalbe assigned in the Hundred where he dwelleth.

Prouided alwayes, that no person be or shalbe compelled to be any Commissioner, to and for the execution of this present acte, but onely in the Shyre where he dwelleth and inhabiteth. And that any person being assigned to the contrary thereof, in any wyse shall not be compelled to put in execution the effecte of this acte, or any part thereof. And it is also enacted by thaucthoritie of this present Parliament, that the Commissioners & euery of them, whiche shalbe named, limitted, and appoynted accordyng to this acte, to be Commissioners in euery such Shyre, Ryding, Lath, Wapentake, Rape, Citie, Towne, Borough, Isle, and the sayde householde, or any other place, and none other, shall truely, effectually, and diligently for theyr part, execute the effect of this present acte, accordyng to the tenour thereof in euery behalfe, and none otherwyse by any other meanes, without omission, fauour, dreade, malice, or any other thyng to be attempted and done by them, or any of them to the contrary thereof. And the sayd Commissioners, and as many of them as shalbe appoynted by the sayde Commission, and none other, for the execution of the sayde Commission and act, shal for the taxation of the sayde fyrst payment of the sayde Subsedie, before the sixt day of Apryl next commyng. And for the taxation of the sayde seconde payment of the sayde Subsedie, shall before the sixte day of Januarie, whiche shall be in the yeere of our Lorde God, a thousande fiue hundred fiftie and niene, by vertue of the commissions, deliuered vnto them in forme abouesayde, directe theyr seuerall or toynt precept vnto .viii. .vii. .vi. .v. .iiii. or .iii. or moe, as for the number of the inhabitauntes shalbe requisite, of the most substantiall, discreete, and honest persons, inhabitauntes, to be named by the sayde Commissioners, or by as many of them, as shalbe appoynted by the sayd commission of, and in Hundredes, Lathes, Rapes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Parishes, Townes, and other places, al well within Liberties, Fraunchises, auncient demeanes, places exempted, and Sanctuaries, as without, within the limits of the Shyres, Ridinges, Lathes, Wapentakes, Rapes, Cities, Townes, Boroughes, or Isle aforesayde, and other places within the limittes of their commission, and to the Constables, Subconstables, Baylifes, and other lyke officers, or ministers of euery of the sayde Hundredes, Townes, Wardes, Lathes, Wapentakes, Parishes, & other places aforesayd, as to the said Commissioners, & euery number of them, or vnto three or two of them by their discretion in diuision shal seme expedient, as by the maner and vse of the parties shalbe requisite, straightly by the same precept, chargyng and commaundyng the same inhabitantes, Constables, & other officers aforesayde, to whom such precept shalbe so directed, to appeare in theyr proper persons, before the said Cõmissioners, or suche number of them as they shal diuide them selues, accordyng to the tenor of ỹ sayd commission, at certayne dayes & places by the sayde Commissioners, or

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any number of them as is aforesayde, within Cities, Boroughes or Townes corporate, or without, in any other place as is aforesayde; by theyr discretions shalbe limitted thervnto, to doo & accomplishe al that to them on the parties of the Queenes Maiestie shalbe enioyned touchyng this acte. Commaunding further by the same precept, that he to whose handes such precept shal come, shal shewe or deliuer the same to the other inhabitauntes or officers named in the said precept, and that none of them fayle to accomplishe the same, vppon payne of .xl. s. to be forfeyted to the Queenes Maiestie.

And it is further ordeyned by the authoritie of this present Parliament, that the sayde day and place prefixed and limitted in the sayde precept, euery of the Commissioners then beyng in the Shyre, and hauyng no sufficient excuse for his absence, at the day and place prefixed for that part wherevnto he was limitted, shall appeare in his proper persone, and there the same Commissioners beyng present, or as many as shalbe appoynted by the queenes maiesties Commission, shal call or cause to be called before them the sayde inhabitauntes and officers to whom they haue directed theyr sayde preceptes, and whiche had in commaundement there to appeare by the sayde precept of the sayde Commissioners, and yf any person so warned make default, vnlesse he then be letted by sickenesse or lawful excuse, and that let then be witnessed by the othes of two credible persons, or yf any appearyng refuse to be sworne in fourme folowyng, to forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shillynges. And so at euery tyme appoynted by the sayde Commissioners for the same taxation, vnto suche tyme the number of euery suche personnes haue appeared and certified in fourme vnder wrytten, and euery of them so makyng default, or refusyng to be sworne, to forfeyte to the queenes maiestie .xl. s. and vpon the same appearaunce had, one of the most substantiall inhabitauntes or officers beyng warned, and appearyng before the sayde Commissioners, shalbe sworne vpō a booke openly before ȳ commissioners in forme folowing.

I shall truely enquire with my felowes that shalbe charged with me, of the Hundred, Wapentake, Warde, Towne, or other place, of the best and most value of the substaunce of euery persone dwellyng and abidyng within the limittes of the places that I and my felowes shalbe charged with, and of other whiche shall haue his or theyr most resort vnto any of the sayde places, and chargeable with any summe of money by this acte of this Subsidie, and of all other articles that I shalbe charged with touchyng the sayde acte, and accordyng to the intent of the same, and therevppon as nere as it may be, or shall come to my knowledge, truely to present and certifie before you, the names, surnames, and the best and vttermost substaunce, and values of euery of them, aswell of landes, tenementes, and other hereditamentes,

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possessions and profites, as of goodes, catteis, debte, and other thinges chargeable by the saide acte, without any concelement, loue, fauour, affection, dreade, feare, or malice, as neare as GOD will geue me grace, so helpe me God and the holy contentes of this booke. And euery other person that shall appeare there by the same preceptes, from tyme to tyme, shall make lyke othe, and vppon the othe so taken as is aforesayde, by the inhabitauntes and officers of euery Hundrede, Warde, Wapentake, Towne, or other place, the sayde Commissioners shal openly there reade, or cause to be read vnto them, the sayde rates, & openly declare ỳ effect of their charge vnto them, in what manner and forme, they ought and shoulde make theyr certificate, accordyng to the rates and summes thereof aboue sayde. And of all manner of persons, aswell of Aliens, and Straungers, Denizens, or not Denizens, inhabityng within this Realme, as of such persons as be borne vnder the Queenes obeysaunce, chargeable to this acte. And of the possessions, goodes, and catteles, of Fraternities, Guildes, Corporations, Brotherheades, Mysteries, and Communalties, and other as is aboue sayde, and of persones beyng in the parties of beyonde the Seas, hauyng goodes or catteles, landes, or tenementes, within this Realme, as is aforesayde: and of all goodes, beyng in the custodye of any person or persons, to the vse of any other as is aboue sayde, by the whiche information and the wyng, the sayde persons shoulde haue fulle playne knowledge of the true intent of this present acte, and of the maner of theyr certificate, that the same persons shall haue no reasonable cause to excuse them by ignorauncc, and after suche othe, and the statute of the sayde Subsidie, and the manner of the sayde certificate, to be made in wrytyng, conteynyng the names and surnames of euery person, and whether he be borne without the Queenes obeysaunce or within, and the best value of euery person, in euery degree, aswel of yeerely value, of landes, and tenementes, & of suche lyke possessions and profites, as the value of goodes and catteles, debtes, and euery thyng to theyr certificate requisite and necessarie to them declared, the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shall by theyr discretions appoynt and limitte vnto the sayde persons, another day and place to appeare before the sayde Commissioners, and chargyng the sayde persons that they in the meane tyme shall make diligent enquirie, by all wayes and meanes of the premisses, and then, and there euery of them, vpon payne of forfaiture of fourtie shillynges to the Queenes Maiestie, to appeare at the sayde newe prefixed day and place, there to certifie vnto the sayde Commissioners, in wrytyng, accordyng to theyr sayde charge, and accordyng to the true intent of the saide graunt of Subsidie, and as to them in manner aforesayde, hath ben declared and shewed by the Commissioners, at whiche day and place so to them

them prefired, yf any of the sayde personnes make default, or appeare and refuse to make the sayde certificate, that then euery of them so offendyng to forfeyte to the Queenes Maiestie fourtie shillinges, except onelye a reasonable excuse of his default, by reason of sickenesse, or otherwyse by the othes of two credible persons there witnessed be had. And of suche as appeare redy to make certificate as is aforesayde, the sayde Commissioners there beyng, shal take and receyue the same certificate, and euery part thereof, and the names, values, and substaunce of euery person so certified, and if the same Commissioners see cause reasonable, they shall examine the sayde prelenters thereof. And thereupon the sayde Commissioners, at the sayde dayes & place by theyr agreement amongst them selues, shal from tyme to time, openly there prefixe a day, at a certayne place or places, within the limittes of theyr commission, by theyr discretion, for theyr further proceeding to the sayde assessyng of the same Subsedie, and thereupon at the sayde daye of the sayde certificate, as is aforesayde, taken, the same Commissioners shall make their precept or preceptes to the Constables, Subconstables, Baylifes, or other Officers of such Hundredes, Wapentakes, Townes, or other places aforesayde, as the same Commissioners shalbe of, comprising and conteynyng in the same precept, the names and surnames of al persons presented before them in the sayde certificate, of whom if the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes commission, shall then haue vehement suspecte to be of more greater value or substaunce in landes, goodes, cattelles, or summes of money owyng to them, or other substaunce beforesayde, then vppon suche person or persons shalbe certified, the same Commissioners shal make theyr precept or preceptes, directed to the Constable, Baylifes, or other officers, commaundyng the same Constable, Bailifes, or other officers, to whom suche precept shalbe directed, to warne suche persons whose names shalbe comprised in the sayd precept, at their mansions, or to their persons, that the same persons named in such preceptes, and euery of them, shal personally appeare before the sayde Commissioners, at the same newe prefired day and place, there to be examined by al wayes and meanes (other then by corporal othe) by the sayde Commissioners, of theyr greatest substaunce and best value, and of all and euery summes of money owyng to them, and other whatsoeuer matter concernyng the premisses, or anye of them, accordyng to this acte, at whiche daye and place prefired, the sayde Commissioners then and there beyng, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes Commission, shall cause to be called the sayde persons, whose names shalbe comprised in the sayde precepte, as is beforesayde, for theyr

examination. And yf anye of thoſe perſons whiche ſhoulde be warned, as is beforeſayde, to be examined, whiche at anye tyme after the warnyng, and before the prefixed daye, ſhalbe within ſuche place, where he maye haue knowledge of his ſayde appearaunce to be made, make default, and appeare not, vnleſſe a reaſonable cauſe, or els a reaſonable excuſe, by the othes of two credible perſons, before the ſayde Commiſſioners, be truely alleaged for his diſcharge: that then euery of them ſo makyng defaulte, to be tared and charged to the Queenes Maieſtie, with and at the double ſummes of the rate that he ſhoulde or ought to haue benne ſet at, for and after the beſt value of his lande or ſubſtaunce, vpon hym certified, yf he hadde appeared, by the diſcretion of the Commiſſioners there beyng, whiche Commiſſioners ſhal trauayle with euery of the other perſons ſo then and there appearyng, whoſe names ſhalbe expreſſed in the ſayde precept or preceptes, and in whom any behement ſuſpect was or ſhalbe had in fourme aboueſayde, by all ſuche wayes and meanes they can, other then by corporal othe, for their better knowledge of their beſt value, eyther in hereditamentes or poſſeſſions, eyther els in goodes or debtes.

And that euery ſpiritual perſon, at eyther of the ſayde tarations of the ſayde Subſidie, ſhalbe rated and ſet accordyng to the rate aboueſayde, of, and for euery pounde that the ſame ſpiritual perſon, or anye other to his vſe, hath by diſſent, bargayne, or purchaſe, in fee ſimple, fee tayle, tearme of lyfe, tearme of yeeres, by execution, by warde, or by copie of Court roll, in any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, rentes, ſeruices, offices, fees, corrodies, annuities, or hereditamentes, after the true, iuſt, and yeerely value thereof, after and accordyng as other the Queenes Maieſties ſubiectes borne within this Realme, be charged in fourme aboue remembred, ſo that it extende to the yeerelye value of .xx.s. or aboue.

And yf anye perſon certified or rated by vertue of this acte, be he Commiſſioner or other, to any maner of value, doeth finde hym ſelfe greeued with the ſame preſentment, ſeſſyng or taxyng, and thereupon complayne to the Commiſſioners, before whom he ſhalbe rated, ſeſſed, or tared, or before two of them: That then the ſayde Commiſſioners, ſhall by al wayes and meanes, examine particularlye and diſtinctly the perſonne ſo complaynyng, and other his neyghbours by their diſcretion, of euery his landes and tenementes aboue ſpecified, and of euery his goodes, cattelles, and debtes aboue mentioned, and after due examination and perfect knowledge thereof had and perceyued by the ſayde Commiſſioners, whiche ſhall haue power by the auctoritie aforeſayde: the ſayde Commiſſioners, or two of them, to whom any ſuche complaynt ſhalbe made, by their diſ-

diſcretions, vpon the othe of the ſayde perſon ſo complayning, maye abate, defaulke, encreaſe, or enlarge the ſame aſſeſſement, accordyng as it ſhal appeare vnto them iuſt, vpon the ſame examination. And the ſame ſumme ſo abated, defaulked, encreaſed, or enlarged, to be eſtreated in ſourme as hereafter enſueth. So that the come before the eſtreates of the ſame aſſeſſyng be returned by the ſame Commiſſioners into the Queenes Maieſties Exchequer. And if it be proued by witneſs, his owne confeſſion, or other lawfull wayes or meanes, within a yeere after any ſuch othe made, that the ſame perſon ſo tared and ſworne, was of any better or greater value in landes, goodes, or other thynges aboue ſpecified, at the tyme of his ſayde othe, then the ſame perſon ſo ſworne, did declare vpon his ſayde othe: That then euery ſuch perſon ſo offendyng, ſhal loſe and forfeyte to the queenes maieſtie ſo much in lawfull money of Englande, as the ſame perſon ſo ſworne was ſet at or tared to pay, and al perſons, ſet, rated, and tared, as is aboueſaid, ſhalbe bounde and charged by the ſame, and the ſumme or ſummes vpon hym ſet, to be due towardes the payment of the ſayde Subſidie, and to be leuied as hereafter ſhalbe ſpecified.

And alſo it is enacted by the ſame authoritie, that euery perſon to be rated at the ſame taxation, as is aforeſayde, ſhalbe rated, tared, and ſet, and the ſumme on hym ſet, to be lodged at ſuch place where he and his familie, at the tyme of the ſame preſentment to be made, ſhall keepe his houſe or dwellyng, or where he then ſhal be moſte conuerſaunt, abydyng, or reſiaunt, or ſhal haue his moſt reſort, and ſhalbe beſt knowen at the tyme of the ſayde certificate to be made, and no where els, and that no Commiſſioner of this Subſidie, ſhalbe rated or tared for his goodes or landes, but in the ſhire and other place where he ſhalbe Commiſſioner, and that if anye perſon chargeable to this act, at the tyme of the ſame aſſeſſyng, happen to be out of this realme, and out of Wales, or farre from the place where he ſhalbe knowen, then he to be ſet where he was laſt abydyng in this Realme, or within Wales, and beſt knowen, and after the ſubſtaunce and value, and other profites of euery perſon, knowen by the examination, certificate, and other maner of wyſe, as is aforeſayde. The ſayde Commiſſioners or as many of them as ſhall be appointed by the Queenes Maieſties Commiſſion, ſhal after the rate aforeſayd, ſet and tare euery perſon accordyng to the rate of the ſubſtaunce and value of his landes, goodes, and other profites, whereby the greateſt and moſt beſt ſumme, accordyng to his moſt ſubſtaunce, by reaſon of this acte, might or may be ſet or tared.

Prouided alwayes that euery ſuche perſon, whiche ſhall be ſet or tared for payment of and to this Subſidie, for and after the yeerely value of his landes, tenementes, and other reall poſſeſſions

or profites, at any of the sayde taxations, shal not be set and taxed for his goodes and cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, at the same taxations. And that he that shalbe charged or taxed for the same Subsedie, for his goodes, cattelles, and other moueables, at anye of the sayde taxations, shal not be charged, taxed, or chargeable for his landes, or other real possessions and profites abouesayde, at the same taxations, nor that anye personne be double charged for the sayde Subsedie, neyther set or taxed at seueral places by reason of this acte, anye thyng conteyned in this present acte, notwithstandyng.

And that it be ordeyned by the sayde aucthoritie of this present Parliament, that no personne hauyng two mansions, or two places to resort vnto, or callyng hym selfe housholde seruaunt, or wayting seruaunt to the Queenes Maiestie, or other Lord or Lady, maister or maisters, be excused vpon his saying, from the taxes of the sayde Subsedie, in neyther of the places where he may be set, vnles he bring a certificate in wryting from the Commissioners, where that he is so set in deede at one place. And if any person that ought to be set by reason of his remouyng or resorting to two places, or by reason of his saying that he els where was taxed, or by reason of anye priuiledge by his dwellyng or abyding in any place, not beyng foremised in this acte, or otherwyse by his couin or craft happen to escape from the sayde taxations, and be not set, and that proued by presentment, examination, or information, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe by the same commission appoynted, or by the Barons of the Queenes maiesties Exchequer, or two Justices of the peace, of the Countie where suche person dwelleth, then euery suche person, that by suche meanes, or otherwyse wyllyngly by couin, shal happen to escape from the sayde taxation or payment aforesayde, and not be raxed, taxed, and set: shalbe charged vppon the knowledge and proffe thereof, with, and at the double value that he shoulde or ought to haue ben set at afore, accordyng to his behauiour: the same double value to be leuied, geathered and payde of his goodes and cattelles, landes and tenementes, towardes the sayde Subsedie, and further to be punished accordyng to the discretions of the Barons, Justices, and Commissioners, before whom he shalbe conuicted, for his offence and deceypt in that behalfe.

And further be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners of euery Commission, shall accordyng to theyr diuisions, and after they be diuided, haue full power and aucthoritie by this acte, to sette, taxe, and sesse euerye other Commissioner, ioyned with them in euerye suche Commission and diuision: and shall also assesse euery assessour, within theyr

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diuision, for his and theyr goods, landes, and other the premisses, as is abouesayde. By the which sayd commission, the sayde Commissioners shal indifferently set, taxe, and assesse them selues, and the sayde assessours. And that al wel the summes vpon euery of the sayd Commissioners and assessours, so sessed, rated, and taxed, as the summes made and presented by the presenters, sworne as is abouesayde, shalbe written, certified, set, and estreated, and the estreates thereof to be made, with other the inhabitauntes of that parcels, within the limittes of the same commission & diuision, so to be geathered & leuied, in like maner as it ought or should haue ben, if the said commissioner had not ben in the said commission. And that al persons of the estate of a Baron or Barons, and euery estate aboue, shalbe charged with theyr freeholde and value, as is abouesayd, by the Chauncellour or keeper of the great seale, Treasurer of England, Lord president of the Queenes maiesties priuie counsayle, and Lorde priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or other persons by the queenes maiesties auctoritie to be limitted, and they to be charged for the sayde seueral paymentes of the sayde Subsidie, after the fourme of the sayde graunt, accordyng to the taxation aforesayd, & the sums vpon them set, with the names of the Collectours appoynted for the geatherying and paying of the same, to be estreated, deliuered, and certified, at dayes and places aboue specified, by the Lorde Chauncellour, or keeper of the great seale, Treasurer, Lord President of the counsayle, and Lorde priuie seale for the tyme beyng, or suche other persons as shalbe limitted by the Queenes maiestie. And after the taxes and assesses of the sayd sums vpon and by the sayde assessyng and certificate, as is aforesayde made, the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe therunto appoynted by the queenes maiesties commission, shal with al speede, and without delay, by the wrytyng estreated of the sayd taxe thereof, vnder the seales and signes manuell of the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe appoynted at the least to be made, shalbe deliuered vnto sufficient and substantiall inhabitauntes, Constables, Subconstables, Baylisses, and other officers ioyntly of Hundredes, Townes, Parishes, and other places aforesayd, within theyr limits, or to other sufficient persons inhabitantes of the same onely, by the discretion of the sayde Commissioners, and as the place and parties shal requyre, al wel the particuler names & surnames, as the remembraunce of al summes of money, taxed and set, of, and vpon euery person, al wel man as woman, chargeable to this act, housholder, and al other inhabitauntes and dwellers within the sayd parishes, townes, and places contributorie to this acte of Subsidie. By auctoritie of whiche wryting or estreate so deliuered, the sayd officers and other persons so named and deputed seuerally, shall haue ful power & auctoritie by vertue of this acte, immediatlye after the

deliuerie of the said wryting or estreate, to demaund, leuie, and geather of euery person therein specified, the summe or summes in the same wryting or estreat comprised, and for non payment therof, to distraine the same person or persons, so being behinde, by theyr goodes and cattels, and the distresse so taken, to keepe by the space of viii. dayes, at the costes and charges of the owner thereof. And if the sayde owner do not pay such summe of money as shalbe tared by this act, within the same viii. dayes, then the same distresse to be appraysed by iiii. iii. or ii. of the inhabitauntes where suche distresse is taken, and also to be solde by the sayd Constable or other Collectour, for the payment of the said money, and the ouerplus comming of the sale and keeping thereof (yf any be) to be immediatly restored to the owner of the same distresse, whiche sayd officers and other persons so deputed to aske, take, geather, and leuie the sayde summes, shal answeare and be charged for the portion onely to them assigned or limitted to be geathered, leuied, and comprysed in the sayde wryting or estreate so to them (as is aforesayde) deliuered, to the vse of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes maiestie, and her heyres, and successours. And the sayd summe in that writing or estreat comprised, to pay vnto the high Collectour or Collectours of the place, for the collection of the same, in maner and fourme vnder written, thereunto to be named and deputed, and the same inhabitauntes and officers so geatheryng the same particuler summes, for their collection thereof, shal receyue for euery. xx. s. so by them receyued and payde, two pence, & that to be allowed at the payment of theyr collection by them to be made to the hygh collectour or collectours.

And further be it enacted by the sayde auctoritie, that the sayde commissioners, or the more part of them, as shal take vpon them the execution & busines of the sayd commission, shal for eyther of the same paymentes of the sayd subsedie, name such sufficient and able persons, whiche then shal haue and possede landes and other hereditamentes, in theyr owne ryght, of the yeerely value of xx. li. or goods to the value of CC. markes at the least. And the persons seuerally by the discretions of the same cōmissioners, in shires, ridinges, lathes, wapentakes, rapes, cities, townes corporate, and other whatsoeuer places, aswell within places priuileged as without, not being foreprised within this act, to be high collectours, and haue the collection and receypt of the sayd summes, set, and leuiable within the precinct, limit, and boundes where they shalbe so limitted to geather & receyue, to euery of ẏ which collectours so seuerally named, the said commissioners, or ii. of them at the least, shal with al spede, & without delay, after the sayde whole sum of the said subsedie, be set by al the limits of the same their commission, or in such limits as the high collectors shalbe so seuerally assigned, shal vnder theyr seales and signes manuel, deliuer one estreate indented in parchment,

parchment to euery of the sayde high Collectors, comprising in it the names of all such persons as were assigned to leuie the sayde particuler summes, and the surnames of euery Hundred, Wapentake, Towne, or other place sholden with the names & surnames of the persons to euery of them assessed according to peece & to your true & iust value, as is aforesayd, & next thereafter the Collector to be assigned, shalbe charged to and weare the whole summe committed to the saide Clerke limitted to his collection, as is aforesayde.

And it is alwayes to be enacted by thauctoritie aforesayde, that the sayde Commissioners hauing auctoritie by this acte, to name & nominate the sayde high Collectors of the sayde subsidie, shall immediatly vpon the nomination & election, take by auctoritie of this present acte sufficient recognisaunces or obligations, without any fee or reward to be payde therefore, of euery person to be named to be high Collector, to be bounden to the Queenes Maiestie in the double summe of the Income of his collection, & to be endorsed and made vpon such condition, that is to say, for the collection of the sayde fyft parte of the sayde subsidie, that if the sayde Collector, his heyres, or executors, do truely content & pay to the vse of the Queenes maiestie, her heyres, or executors, in the receipt of the sayde Exchequer, before the sayde xxviij. day of June next comming, so much of the said summe of money assessed & appointed to his collection, as he shall collecte and geather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath geathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayde recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue. And for the collection of the second payment of the sayde subsidie, vpon condition, that if the sayde Collector, his heyres, or executors, doo truely content and pay to the vse of the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres, or executours in the receipt of the exchequer, before the xxvij day of March, which shalbe in the yeere of our Lord God. M. D. lxj. so much of the sayde summe of money assessed and appointed to his collection, as he shall collect and geather, and content and pay the residue of his collection and charge, within one moneth next after suche tyme as he hath geathered and collected the same residue: that then the sayd recognisaunce or obligation to be voyde, or els to stande in full strength and vertue, to which sayde seuerall recognisaunces or obligations so taken, the sayd Commissioners shall seuerally certifie and deliuer into the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer, with the seuerall certificates of the sayde tarations & rates of the payments of the sayde subsidie, at and by the tyme to them prescribed and appointed by this act, for the certificate of the sayde seuerall tarations of the sayd subsidie, vpon payne of forfaicture of. x. li. to the Queenes Maiestie, for euery recognisaunce or obligation not certified. And that euery suche Collector, so elected, named, and chosen, vppon requeste to

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hym made, shall knowledge and make the sayde recognisaunce or obligation, vpon lyke payne and forfeyture of .x.li. to the Queenes Maiestie for the refusall thereof, and euery collectour so deputed, hauyng the sayd estreat in parchment, as is aforesayd, shall haue auctoritie by this acte, to appoynt dayes and places within the circuite of hey collection, for the payment of the sayde Subsedie to hym to be made, and thereof to geue warnyng by proclamation or otherwyse, to al the Constables or other persons or inhabitauntes, hauyng the charge of the particuler collection, within the Hundredes, Parishes, Townes, or other places by him or them limitted, to make payment for theyr sayde particuler collection of euery summe, as to them shal apparteyne. And yf at the said day and place so limitted & prefixed by the said Collectour, the sayd Constable, Officers, or other persons or inhabitauntes as is aforesayde, for the sayde particuler collection, assigned and appoynted within such Hundred, Citie, towne, or other place, do not pay vnto the said Collectours, the summe within theyr seueral Hundreds, Townes, Parishes, and other places, due and comprised in the sayd estreate thereof, to them deliuered by the sayd Commissioners, or some of them as is aforesayd, or so muche thereof as they haue by any meane receyued .ii. d. of euery pounde for the sayde particuler collection as is aforesayde, alwayes to be thereof alowed, excepted, and abated: That then it shalbe lawful to the sayde hygh collectours and euery of them, and to their assignes, to distrayne euery of the saide Constables, Officers, and other inhabitauntes, for theyr sayde seuerall and particuler collection of the sayde summes comprised in the sayde estreate and writyng thereof, to them and euery of them, as is before expressed, deliuered, or for as muche of the same summe as so then shall happen to be geathered, and leuyed, and behynde and vnpayde by the goodes and cattelles of euery of them so being behynde. And the distresse so taken, to be kept, apprayssed, and solde, as is aforesayde, and thereof to take and leuie the summes so then being behynde and vnpayde. And the ouerplus commyng of the sale of the sayde distresse (yf any be) to be restored and deliuered vnto the owner in fourme aboue remembred.

Prouided alwayes, that no person inhabityng in any Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, shalbe compelled to be an assessour or Collectour, of, or for any part of the sayde Subsedie, in any place or places out of the sayde Citie, Borough, or Towne corporate, where he dwelleth.

And it is also by the sayde auctoritie enacted, that yf any inhabitant or officer, or whatsoeuer person or persons, charged to and for the collection or receipt of any part or portion of the sayd Subsedie, by any maner of meanes, accordyng to this acte, or any person or persons for them selues, or as keper, gardian, deputie, factour or atturney, of or

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for any other person or persons, of any goodes & cattelles of the owner thereof at the tyme of the sayde assessyng to be made, beyng out of this Realme, or in any other parties not knowen, or of and for the goodes and cattels of any other person or persons, of any corporation, fraternitie, mysterie, or other whatsoever comminaltie, beyng incorporate or not corporate, and all persons hauyng in their rule, gouernaunce and custody, any goodes or cattelles, at the tyme of the sayde assessyng, or any of them, to be made, or which for any cause, for and by collection, or for hym selfe, or for any other, or by reason that he hath the rule, gouernaunce, or custodie of any goodes or cattelles, of any other person or persons, corporation, comminaltie, fraternitie, guilde, or mysterie, or any such other lyke, or as a factor, deputie, or atturney, of or for any person, shalbe taxed, rated, valued, and set to any summe or sums by reason of this acte, and after the taxation or assessyng vpon any suche person or persons as shalbe charged with the receipt of the same happen to dye, or depart from the place where he was so taxed and set, or his goodes or cattels be so eloyned, or in suche priuie and couert maner kept, as the sayde person or persons charged with the same, by estreates, or other writinges, from the sayd Commissioners, or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the sayd Commission, as is aforesayd, can ne may leuy the same summe or summes, comprised within the same estreates, by distresse, within the limittes of theyr collection, as is aforesayde, or can not fell such distresse or distresses, as be taken for any of the sayde paymentes before the tyme limitted to the hygh Collectour for his payment to be made in the Queenes Maiesties receipt, them vpon relation thereof, with due examination by the oth or examination of such person or persons, as shalbe charged with and for the receipt and collection of the same, before the sayde Commissioners, or as many of them as by the sayde commission shalbe thereunto appoynted, where suche person or persons, or other as is aforesayde, theyr goodes and cattelles, were set and taxed, and vppon plaine certificate thereof made in the Queenes Maiesties Exchequer by the same Commissioners, as well of the dwellyng place, names, and summes of the sayde persons, of whom the sayde summes can not be leuied and had as is aforesayde, then aswell the Constables and other inhabitantes appoynted for ẏ sayd particuler collection, agaynst the high Collectours, as the hygh Collectour vpon his accompt & othe in the sayde Exchequer, to be discharged thereof, and proces to be made for the Queenes Maiestie out of the sayd Exchequer, by the discretion of the Barons of the sayd Exchequer, agaynst such person, his heyres, or executors, so being behynd with his paiment. And ouer that, ẏ same Commissioners to whom any such declaration of the premisses shalbe made in forme aforesaid, from time to time shal haue full power and

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auctthoritie to direct theyr precept or preceptes vnto the sayde person or persons charged with any sum, of, for, or vpon any suche person or persons, or other as is aforesayd, or to any Sheriffe, Steward, Bayliffe, or other whatsoeuer officer, minister, person or persons of suche place or places where any suche person or persons so owyng suche summe or summes shall haue landes and tenementes, or other hereditamentes, or real possessions, goodes, and catels, wherby any suche person or persons so intetted, his heyres, executours, or assignes, or other hauyng the custody, gouernaunce, or disposition, of any goodes, cattels, landes, or tenementes, or other hereditamentes, whiche ought or may by this acte lawfully be distrayned, or taken for the same, hath and shall haue goodes, cattels, landes, tenementes, or other possessions, whereof such summe or summes, whiche by any such person or persons may or ought to be leuied, be it within the limittes of suche commission, where such person or persons was and were taxed, or without, in any place within this Realme of Englande, Wales, or other the Queenes maiesties dominions, marches or territories, by whiche precept aswell suche person or persons as shalbe charged to leuy suche money, as the officers of the place or places, where suche distresse may be taken, shall haue ful power and auctthoritie, to distreyne euery suche person indetteb, charged, and chargeable by this acte, or his executours or administratours of his goodes and cattels, his gardians, factors, deputies, lessees, fermours, and assignes, and al other persons by whose handes or out of whose landes, any such person shoulde haue rent, fee, annuitie, or other profite, or whiche at the tyme of the sayde assessinges, shall haue goodes or cattelles, or any other thyng moueable of any suche person or persons, beyng indebted, or owyng suche summe, and the distresse so taken, caused to be kept, apprayfed, and sold, in lyke manner and fourme as is aforesayde, for the distresse to be taken vppon suche persons, to be taxed to the sayde Subsedie, and beyng sufficient to distreyne within the limittes of the collectours, inhabitauntes, or other officers, charged with, or for the same summes, so vppon them to be taxed. And yf any suche distresse for none payment, happen to be taken out of the limitte of the sayde persons, charged and assigned to leuie the same, the persons so charged for the leuie of any suche summe by distresse, shall receyue and take of the same distresse, for the labour of euery person, goeing for the execution thereof, for euery myle that any such person so laboureth for ẏ same two pence. And euery fermor, tenaunt, gardian, factour, or other whatsoeuer person, beyng distrayned, or otherwyse charged for payment of any suche summe or summes, or any other summe, by reason of this acte, shalbe of suche summe or summes, of hym or them so leuied, and taken, discharged and acquited at his next day of payment of the

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ſame, or at the deliuerie of ſuche goodes and cattelles, as he that is ſo diſtrayned had in his cuſtody and gouernaunce, agaynſt hym or them that ſhalbe ſo tared and ſet, any graunt or wrytyng obligatorie, or other whatſoeuer matter to the contrary made heretofore, notwithſtandyng. And yf any ſuche perſon that ſhoulde be ſo diſtrayned, haue no landes or tenementes ſufficient, whereby he or his tenauntes, and fermours may be diſtrayned, or hath eloyned, aliened, or hyd his goodes and cattelles, whereby he ſhoulde or myght be diſtrayned, in ſuche manner, that ſuche goodes and cattelles ſhall not be knowen or founde, ſo that the ſumme, of, or by hym to be payde in the ſayde forme, ſhal, ne can be conueniently leuied: Then vpon relation thereof to the commiſſioners, or to as many of them as by the ſayde commiſſion ſhalbe therevnto appoynted, where ſuch perſon or perſonnes was tared and ſet, by the othes of hym or them that ſhalbe charged with the leuie and payment of that ſumme or ſummes, the ſame Commiſſioners ſhal make a precept in ſuch maner as is aforeſayd, for to attache, take, and arreſt the body of ſuche perſon or perſonnes that ought to pay the ſayde ſummes, and by this acte ſhalbe charged with, and for the ſayde ſumme and ſummes, and them ſo taken, ſafely to keepe in priſon within the Shyre or other place, where any ſuche perſon or perſons ſhalbe taken & attached, there to remayne without bayle or mayneprize, vntil he hath payde the ſame ſumme or ſummes, that ſuche perſon for him ſelfe or for any other, by this act ſhalbe chargeable or ought to be charged withal. And alſo for the fees of euery ſuche arreſt, to hym or them that ſhall execute ſuche precepte, xx.d. And that euery officer vnto whom ſuche precept ſhalbe directed, do his true diligence, and execute the ſame vpon euery perſon ſo beyng indebted, vppon payne to forfeyte to the Queenes Maieſtie for euery default in that behalfe, twentie ſhillynges. And that no keeper of any Gaole, from his Gaole ſuffer any ſuche perſon to goe at large, by letting to bayle, or otherwyſe to departout of his priſon, before he haue payde his ſayd debt, and the ſayde xx.d. for the ſayde arreſt, vppon payne to forfayte to the Queenes Maieſtie fourtie ſhyllynges. And the ſame Gaoler to pay vnto the Queenes Maieſtie the double value, aſwell of the rate which the ſayd perſon ſo impriſoned, was tared at, as of the ſayde twentie pence for the fees, and lyke proces and remedy in lyke fourme ſhalbe graunted by the ſayde Commiſſioners, or as many of them as by the ſayde commiſſion ſhalbe therevnto appoynted, at lyke information of euery perſonne or perſonnes beyng charged with any ſumme of money, for any other perſonne or perſonnes, by reaſon of the ſayde Subſidie, and not thereof payde, but wylfully withdrawen, ne the ſame leuyable within the limittes where ſuche perſonnes were therevnto tared. And yf the ſumme or ſummes beyng behynde

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vnpayde, by any perſon or perſons, as is aforeſaid, to be leuied and geathered by force of the ſayde proceſſe, to be made by the ſayde Commiſſioners, or if in default, or for lacke of payment thereof, the perſon or perſonnes ſo owyng the ſayde ſumme or ſummes of money, by proces of the ſame Commiſſioners, to be made as is aforeſayde, be committed to priſon in fourme aboueſayde, that then the ſayde Commiſſioners whiche ſhall awarde ſuche proces, ſhall make certificat thereof in the ſayde Exchequer, of that ſhalbe donne in the premiſſes, in the Terme next folowyng, after ſuche ſumme or ſummes of money, ſo beyng behynde ſhalbe leuied and geathered, or ſuche perſon or perſons for none payment of the ſame committed to priſon. And yf it happen any of the ſayde Collectours to be aſſigned, or any Maiors, Sheriffes, Stewarde, Conſtable, the headborough, Burſholder, Bayliffe, or any other officer, or miniſter, or other whatſoeuer perſon or perſonnes, to diſobey the ſayde Commiſſioners, or any of them, in the reaſonable requeſt to them made by the ſayde Commiſſioners, for execution of the ſayde commiſſion, or yf any of the officers or other perſonnes doo refuſe that to them ſhall apparteyne and belong to doo, by reaſon of any precept to hym or them to be directed, or any reaſonable commaundement, inſtaunce, or requeſt, touchyng the premiſſes, or other defaulte in any appearaunce, or collection to make, or yf any perſon beyng ſuſpect, or not to be indifferently tared, as is aforeſayd, doo refuſe to be examined accordyng to the tenour of this acte, before the ſayde Commiſſioners, or as many of them as ſhalbe thereunto aſſigned, as is aforeſayde, or wyll not appeare before the ſame Commiſſioners, vppon warnyng to hym made, or els make reſiſtaunce or reſcous, vpon any diſtreſſe vppon hym to be taken, for any parcell of the ſayde Subſedie, or commit any miſbehauour in any manner of wyſe, contrary to this acte, or commit any wylfull omiſſion, or other whatſoeuer wylfull, not dooing or mildooing, contrary to the tenour of this acte or graunt, the ſame Commiſſioners, and euery number of them aboue remembred, or two of them at the leaſt, vppon probable knowledge of any ſuche miſdemeanors had, by information or examination, ſhall and may ſet vppon euery ſuche offendour for euery ſuche offence, in name of a fine by the ſame offendour to be forfayted, fourtie ſhillynges or vnder, by the diſcretion of the ſame Commiſſioners. And further the ſame Commiſſioners, and euery number of them, or two of them at the leaſt, ſhall haue auctoritie by this preſent acte, to puniſhe euery ſuche offendour, by impriſonment, there to remayne, and to be deliuered by theyr diſcretion, as ſhall ſeeme to them conuenient, the ſayde fynes, yf any ſuche be, to be certified by the ſayde Commiſſioners that ſo aſſeſſed the ſame, into the Queenes Maieſties ſayde Exchequer, there to be leuied and payde by the Collectours

tours of that parties for the sayde Subsedie, returned into the sayde Exchequer, to be therewith charged with the payment of the sayde Subsedie, in suche maner as if the sayde fines had ben set and taxed vpon the sayde offenders for the sayde Subsedie.

It is also enacted by the sayde auctoritie of this Parliament, that euery of the sayde vppr Collectours, whiche shall accompt for any part of the sayde Subsedie, in the sayde Exchequer, vpon theyr seuerall sayd accomptes to be yeelded, shalbe allowed at euery of the sayde paymentes of the sayde Subsedie, for euery pounde limitted to his collection, whereof any suche Collectour shalbe charged, and yelde accompt, fyue pence, as parcel of theyr charge, that is to saye, of euery pound thereof, for such person as then haue had the particuler collection in the townes and other places, as is aforesayde, specified in his collection, two pence, and other two pence of euery pounde thereof, euery of the sayde cheefe collectours, or theyr accompt auntes, to receyne to theyr owne vse for theyr labour and charge, in, and about the premisses, and two pence of euery pounde residue, to be deliuered, allowed, and payde by the sayde Collectours so beyng thereof allowed, to suche of the Commissioners as shall take vpon them the businesse and labour, for and about the premisses (that is to saye) euery Collectour to pay that Commissioner or Commissioners whiche had the ordryng of the writinges, of, and for the sayde Subsedie, where the sayde Collectour or Collectours had theyr collection, for expences of the sayde Commissioners, so takyng vpon them the sayde businesse, and labour of theyr Clarkes, writing the sayde preceptes and estreates for the sayde collections, the same last two pence of euery pounde to be diuided amongst the sayde Commissioners, hauyng regard to theyr labour and businesse taken by them or theyr sayde Clarkes, in and about the premisses, for the whiche part so to the sayde Commissioners attendyng, the sayde Commissioners, vi. v. iiii. iii. or as many of them as shalbe thereunto appoynted by the Queenes maiesties commission, and euery of them ioyntly and seuerally for his and theyr sayde part, maye haue his remedie agaynst the sayde Collectour or Collectours, which thereof ben, and might haue ben allowed, by action of debt, in which the defendaunt shal not wage his lawe, neyther protection, neyther iniunction, or other essoigne shalbe allowed. And that no person nowe beyng of the number of the commpanie of this present Parliament, nor any Commissioner shalbe named or assigned to be any collectour or subcollectour, or presentour of the sayde Subsedie, or of any part therof, nor no Commissioners shalbe compelled to make any presentment or certificate, other then in the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, of, for, or concernyng the sayde Subsedie, or any part thereof. And lykewyse that none other person that shalbe named or assigned to be commissioners in any place, to and for the execution of

this act of Subſedie, be or ſhalbe aſſigned, or named head collectours of anye of the paymentes of the ſayde Subſedie, neyther of any parte thereof. And that euery ſuche perſon or perſons, which ſhalbe named and appoynted as is aforeſayde, to be head collectours, in and for the fyrſt payment of this Subſedie, ſhal not be compelled to be collectour for the ſeconde payment of the ſayde Subſedie, or for any part thereof. And the ſayde Collectours whiche ſhalbe aſſigned for the collection of the ſayde Subſedie, or for any part thereof, and euery of them, be and ſhalbe acquited and diſcharged of al maner fees, rewardes, and of euery other charges in the Queenes Maieſties Exchequer, or els where, of them or any of them, by reaſon of that collection, payment, or accomptes, or any thyng concernyng the ſame to be aſked. And that if any perſon receyue and take any fees, rewardes or pleaſures of auy ſuche accomptaunt: that then he ſhal forfeyte to the Queenes Maieſtie, for euery penye, or value of penye ſo taken. v.s. and ſuffer impryſonment at the Queenes Maieſties pleaſure. And after the taxing and aſſeſſing of the ſayde Subſedies, as is aforeſayde, hadde or made, and the ſayde eſtreates thereof in parchment, vnto the Collectour in maner and fourme before rehearſed, deliuered, the ſayde commiſſioners which ſhal take vpon them the execution of this act, within the limittes of theyr commiſſion, by theyr agreementes ſhal haue meeting togeather, at which meeting euery of the ſayd commiſſioners which then ſhal haue taken vpon them the execution of anye part of the ſayde commiſſion, ſhal by hym ſelfe, or by his ſufficient deputie, truely certifie and bryng forth vnto the ſayde commiſſioners named in the ſayde commiſſion, the certificate and preſentment made before hym, and ſuche other commiſſioners as were limitted with hym in one limitte, ſo that the ſame certificate maye be accompted and caſt with the other certificates of the other limittes within the ſame commiſſion: and then the ſayde commiſſioners, and euery number of them, vnto two at the leaſt, as is aforeſayde, if any be in lyfe, or theyr executours or adminiſtratours of theyr goodes, if they then be dead, ſhall ioyntlye and ſeuerallye as they were diuided within theyr limittes, vnder theyr ſeales by their diſcretion, make one or ſeuerall wrytinges indented, conteyning in it aſwel the names of the ſayde collectours by the commiſſioners, for ſuche collection and accompt in the Exchequer, and payment in the ſayd receypt, deputed and aſſigned, as the groſſe and ſeueral ſummes written vnto euery ſuche Collectour, to receyue the ſayde Subſedie. And alſo all fines, amerciamentes, and other forfeytures, yf any ſuch by reaſon of this acte, happen to be within the precinct and limit of theyr commiſſion, to be certified into the Queenes maieſties ſayd Exchequer by the ſayde commiſſioners, in whiche wryting or wrytinges indented ſo to be certified,

or summes of the sayd subsedie, severally limitted to the collection of the sayd collectours, severally deputed and assigned to the collection of the sayd summes, so that none of the said Collectours so certified in the sayd Exchequer, shalbe compelled there to accompt or to be charged, but only to & for the sum limitted to his collection, and not to or for any sum limitted to the collection of his felow, but that every of them shal be severally charged for their part, limitted to theyr collection. And if the sayd cõmissioners ioyned in one commission, amongst them selues in that matter can not agree, or if any of them be not redy, or refuse to make certificate with other of the same Commissioners, that then the same Commissioners may make several Indentures in fourme aforesayde, of theyr severall limittes or separations of Collectours, within the limittes of theyr commission, upon, and in the Hundredes, Wardes, Wapentakes, Lathes, Rapes, or suche other like divisions, within theyr sayde several limittes of their commission, as the places there shal requyre to be severed and divided, and as to the same Commissioners shal seeme good to make divisions of their limittes or collections, for the several charges of the same Collectours. So that alway one Collectour shalbe charged and accompt for his part to hym to be limitted onely by hym selfe, and not for any summe limitted to the part of any of his felowes, and the charges of every of the Collectours, to be set and certified severally vppon them, and every suche collectour vppon his accompt and payment of the summe of money limitted within his collection, to be severally by hym selfe acquited and discharged in the sayd Exchequer, without paying anye maner fees or rewardes to any person or persons for the same, vppon the payne and penaltie last aboue sayde, and not to be charged for any portion of anye other Collectour. And if anye commissioner after he hath taken certificate of them, that, as is aforesayde, shal before any suche commissioner be examined, and the summes rated and set, and the bokes and writinges thereof beyng in his handes, or if any Collectour or other person charged with any receypt of anye part of the sayde Subsedie, or any other person, taxed, or otherwyse by this acte charged with, and for any parcel of the sayde Subsedie, or with anye other summes, or fine, amerciament, penaltie, or other forfeyture, happen to dye before the commissioners, collectour, or other whatsoeuer person or persons, haue executed, accomplished, satisfied, or sufficiently discharged, that whiche to every suche person shal appertayne or belong to do, according to this acte, then the executours and heyres of every such person, and al other possessours of any landes or tenementes, that any suche person beyng charged by this acte, and deceasyng before he be discharged therof, or any other to his vse onely hadde of estate of inheritaunce, at the tyme that any suche person was named Commissioner, Collectour, or otherwyse charged with and for any

maner of thyng to be done, satisfied or payde by reason of this act, and al those that haue in theyr possessions or handes, anye goodes or cattels, leasses or other thinges that were to any such person or persons, at the time of his death, or any landes, or tenementes, that were the same persons at the tyme he was as is aforesayde, charged by this act, shalbe by the same compelled and charged to do and accomplishe to do in euery case, as the same person so beyng charged shoulde haue done & might haue ben compelled to do, if he had ben in playne lyfe, after such rate of the landes and goodes of the sayd commissioner or collectour as the partie shal haue in his hande: and if the sayde commissioners for causes reasonable them mouing, shal thinke it not conuenient to ioine in one certificate, as is beforesayd, then the said person or persons, that shal first ioyne togeather, or he that shal first certifie the sayde writyng endented as is aforesayde, shal certifie all the names of the commissioners of that commission, whereupon suche wrytinges shalbe there then to be certified, with diuisions of the Hundredes, Wapentakes, Wardes, Tithinges, or other places, to and among suche commissioners of the same commission, with the names of the same commissioners, where suche separation and diuision shalbe, with the grosse summes of money, aswel of and for the sayde Subsedie, taxed or set, of, or within the sayd hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, or other places to hym or them diuided or assigned, that shal so certifie the sayde fyrst wryting, as of fines, amercimentes, penalties, or other forfeytures, yf any happen to be within the same limittes; whereof the same wrytinges shalbe certified, and after suche wryting indented, whiche as is aforesayde, shalbe certified, and not conteyne in it the whole and ful summes, set and taxed within the limittes of the same commission, the other commissioners of the same, before the day of payment of the sayde Subsedie, shal certifie vnto the sayd Exchequer, by theyr wryting or wrytinges endented, to be made as is aforesayd, the grosse and seueral summes, set and taxed within the places to them limitted for the sayde Subsedie, and other fines, amerciamentes, penalties and forfeytures, with the names of the hundredes, wardes, wapentakes, and other places to them assigned, or els by theyr sayde wrytynges indented, to certifie at the sayde place, before the sayde daye of payment, suche reasonable causes for theyr excuses, why they maye not make suche certificate, of and for the sayde Subsedie, fines, amerciamentes, and other forfeytures, growyng or set by reason of the causes of theyr lettes, or of theyr none certifiyng, as is abouesayde, or els in default therof, proces to be made out of the Queenes Maiesties sayde Exchequer, agaynst the sayde commissioners, and euery of them, not makyng certificate as is aforesayde, by the discretion of the Treasurer or Barons of the sayde Exchequer.

Prouided alwayes and be it enacted by the auothoritie aforesayd,

aforesayde, that the inhabitauntes of the Parishe of Saint Martin, called Stampforde Baron, in the Suburbes of the Borough and Towne of Stampforde, in the South part of the water there, called Welland, which hereafter shalbe contributorie to the payment of this present Subsedie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie, her heyres and successours, shalbe assessed, rated, and tared for this tyme, by suche Commissioners, whiche shalbe appoynted for the taxing, ratyng, and settyng of such Subsedie or taxe, within the Countie of Lincolne, and shalbe for this tyme contributorie, and pay the sayde Subsedie to the Collectour or Collectours, which shalbe assigned and appoynted for the leuying and geatheryng of the same, with the Aldermen and Burgeses of the sayde Borough and Towne of Stampforde.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the auctho*r*itie aforesayd, that all and euery person and persons, hauyng Manours, Landes, Tenementes, and other Hereditamentes, chargeable to the payment of the Subsedie, graunted to the Queenes Maiestie by this acte, and also hauyng spirituall possessions, chargeable to her sayde Maiestie by the graunt made by the Cleargie of this Realme, in their conuocation, and ouer this hauyng substaunce in goodes and cattelles chargeable by this sayde acte, that then yf any of the sayde person or persons be hereafter charged, assessed, and tared for the sayd Manours, Lands, and Tenementes, and spirituall possessions, and also assessed, charged, and tared, for his or their goodes and cattelles, that then he or they shalbe onely charged by vertue of this acte, for his and their sayd Manours, Landes, Tenementes, Hereditamentes, and spirituall possessions, or onely for his saide goodes and cattelles, the best thereof to be taken for the Queenes Maiestie, and not to be charged for both, or double charged for any of them, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided alwayes, that this graunt of Subsedie, nor any thyng therein conteyned, in any wyse extende to charge the inhabitauntes or dwellers in Irelande, Jerneseye, and Garneseye, or any of them, of, or concernyng any Manours, Landes, Tenementes, or other possessions, goods, cattelles, or other moueable substaunce, which the said inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to their vse, haue within Irelande, Jerneseye, and Garneseye, or in any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees or wages, which any of the sayde inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie for their attendance and dooyng seruice to our Soueraigne Lady in Irelande, Jerneseye, and Garneseye, or in any of them, any thyng in this present acte to the contrary in any wyse, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this present act of Subsedie, ne any thyng therein conteyned, extend to any of the englishe inhabitantes or resiauntes in any of the Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerlande,

land, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, & the Bysshoprycke of Durham, nor to any of them, of, for, or concernyng any Manors, Landes, Tenementes, or other possessions, goodes, cattels, or other moueable substaunce, whiche the same inhabitauntes or dwellers, or any other to theyr vse, haue within the sayde Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberland, Westmerland, or the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vppon Tine, or the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, or of, for, or concernyng any fees or wages which any of the sayde inhabitantes or dwellers haue of the Queenes Maiestie, for their attendance and dooing seruice to the Queenes maiestie, for or within the sayd Counties of Northumberlande, Cumberlande, Westmerland, the Towne of Barwicke, the Towne of Newcastle vpon Tine, and the Bysshoprycke of Durham, or any of them, to or for the sayd taxing, leuiyng, geatheryng, or payment, but that the Englishe inhabitauntes, and restauntes, and euery of them, of the said Counties, Bysshoprycke, and Townes, and euery of them, shall be of and from the sayde Subsedie, and euery parcell thereof, and for theyr Manors, Landes, Tenementes, fees, wages, goodes, and cattelles, lying and being in the sayde Counties, Townes, and Bysshoprycke, or any of them, vtterly acquited and discharged, any thyng in this present acte before rehearsed to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that all letters patentes, graunted by the Queenes Maiestie, or any of her most noble Progenitours, to any Cities, Boroughes or Townes within this Realme, of any manner of liberties, priuileges, or exemptions, from the burden and charge of any suche grauntes of Subsedies, whiche be at this present time in force and bayleable, shall remayne good and effectuall to the sayde Cities, Boroughes, and Townes hereafter, accordyng to the purportes thereof, though the inhabitauntes of the same, shall vppon the great and waightie consyderation of the graunt aforesayde, be for this graunt charged and contributorie, in lyke maner, forme, and sort, as other Cities, Boroughes, and Townes, which be not in any wyse priuiledged, be from such graunt of Subsedie excepted.

Prouided alwayes, and be it enacted by the authoritie aforesayde, that no Orphant, or Infant, within the age of one and twentie yeres, borne within any of the Queenes Maiesties dominions, shalbe charged to any payment of this Subsedie, for his or her goodes, and cattels, to hym or her left or bequeathed, any thing in this acte conteyned to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

Prouided also, that this acte, nor any thyng therein conteyned, shall extende to the goodes or landes of any Colledge, Hall, or Hostel, within the Vniuersities of Oxenford and Cambridge, or any of them, or to the goodes or landes of the Colledge of Winton, founded by Bysshoppe Wickeham, or to the goodes or landes of the

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Colledge of Eton nert Windſor, or to the goodes or landes of any commō free grammer ſchole within the Realme of England or Wales, or to the goodes of any Reader, Scholemaiſter, or Scholer, or any graduate within the ſayde Vniuerſities and Colledges, or any of them, there remaynyng for ſtudy, without fraude or coume, or to the goodes and landes of any hoſpitall, mealondue, or ſpittle houſe, prepared and vſed for the ſuſtentation and reliefe of poore people, any thyng in this acte conteyned to the contrary in any wyſe, notwithſtandyng.

Prouided alſo, and be it enacted, that foraſmuche as diuers and ſundry the Queenes Maieſties tenauntes, and other inhabitauntes and d'wellers within the Counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Merioneth, Angleſey, Carnaruon, and of the Countie Palentine of Cheſter, be at this preſent tyme charged and chargeable with the ſeueral paymentes of diuers great ſummes of money, by the name of Miſe, due to her Maieſtie, accordyng to the ſeuerall cuſtomes of the ſayde Counties.

Be it therefore ordeyned and enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſaid, that this acte of Subſedie, or any thyng therein conteyned, ſhal not extende to charge any of the Queenes tenauntes, and other inhabitauntes and d'wellers within any of the ſayde Counties of Penbroke, Carmarthen, Cardigan, Glamorgan, Brecknocke, Radnour, Mongomerie, Denbigh, Flint, Mereoneth, Angleſey, Carnaruon, and the Countie Palentine of Cheſter, beyng charged or chargeable with the ſayde Miſe, for, or in any of the paymentes of the ſayde Subſedie graunted to the Queenes Maieſtie by this acte, vntyll the ſayde ſeuerall dayes and tymes, for the payment of the ſayd Miſes, ſhalbe expired, and vntyll the dayes and tymes of the ſeuerall Subſedies, lately graunted to our late Soueraigne Lorde and Soueraigne Lady, king Philip, and Queene Marie, be alſo paſt and expyred, and that then the fyrſt payment of the ſayde Subſedye graunted by this preſente acte, ſhalbe made at the receipt of the Queenes Exchequer, before the fyrſt day of Marche nert folowyng, after the laſt dayes of the laſt payment to be had or appoynted of the ſayde Miſes, and of the payment of the ſayde former ſubſedies. And the ſeconde payment of this Subſedie, to be made by or before the fyrſt day of Marche nert after the ſayde fyrſt payment of the ſayde Subſedie.

Furthermore, be it enacted by the aucthoritie aforeſayde, that the tenauntes and d'wellers of euery of the ſayde Counties in this prouiſo remembred, ſhall ſeuerally before the feaſt of Pentecoſt nert enſuing, certifie into the ſayde Court of Exchequer, vnder the ſeales of two Juſtices of peace of euery of the ſayd Counties, whereof one to be of the Quorum, when and what day the laſt payment of the ſayde

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seuerall Miles nowe due in any of the sayde Counties, shall ende and expyre.

Prouided also, that the sayde graunt of Subsidie, or any other thyng therein conteyned, doo not in any wyse extende to be preiudiciall or hurtfull to the inhabitauntes or resiauntes at this present time, within the fiue Portes corporate, or to any of their members incorporate, or vnited to the same fiue portes, or to any of the same fiue portes, or for any part or parcell of the sayde summes graunted in this Parliament of the sayde inhabitauntes nowe resiaunt, or any of them, to be taxed, set, aſsed, leuyed, or payde. But the sayde inhabitauntes and resiauntes in the sayde fiue portes, and theyr members, be and shalbe of, and from the sayde graunt and payment of the sayde Subsidie, during theyr resiaunce there, and no longer, clearely acquited and discharged: any matter, or whatsoeuer thyng in this present acte had or made to the contrary, notwithstandyng.

God saue the Queene.

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